

this building. The roadblock is Speaker NANCY PELOSI. She has not and will not yet allow a vote in the House of Representatives. It seems to me the Speaker is too obsessed with impeaching the President instead of being focused on fighting for American workers. She stopped all progress on USMCA in its tracks.

The stakes, meanwhile, could not be higher. Passing USMCA will save American jobs. Twelve million current American jobs are on the line. The deal will create 180,000 new U.S. jobs. USMCA is a boon for the entire economy. It will boost our economy by \$70 billion. So what exactly is the Speaker waiting for?

Canada and Mexico are our top trading partners. U.S. producers don't need impeachment chaos or an impeachment circus; what we need is trade certainty.

Not only is the deal essential for U.S. manufacturers, our ranchers and farmers are counting on it as well. Canada and Mexico are the top export markets for American farmers. Last year, U.S. agriculture exports to the two countries totaled \$40 billion. For the past 5 years, Mexico has consistently ranked second or third for U.S. wheat imports.

USMCA is a huge win for Wyoming wheat growers. My State is going to reap enormous benefits from this deal. Wyoming foreign trade has increased nearly 20 percent in recent years. Wyoming farmers—the Presiding Officer knows this, coming from an agriculture State—play a key role in our economy. This Friday, I will be honored to attend the 100th annual meeting of the Wyoming Farm Bureau. It will be in Laramie. Our farmers add billions to the State economy every year, and trade is a big part of it.

Wyoming's annual agriculture exports total \$300 million. The export market supports 2,600 jobs in our State. Our State not only produces livestock, seeds, and crops, but we are exporting essential chemicals that farmers everywhere need to grow their crops.

Wyoming farmers and ranchers are counting on expanded export markets for future growth. New markets mean new opportunities, and Wyoming is poised to seize them.

In coming years, we plan to add to our high-quality beef, our grain, and our hay exports. Future State exports will include gluten-free products, as well as craft beer and distilled spirits, just to name a few.

That is why the USMCA agreement is so essential for the people, not just in Wyoming but for people all across America. To keep our record-setting economy on track, we need to pass this “America First” trade deal, and we need to do it now.

It is time to put partisan politics aside. It is time to pass USMCA.

#### IMPEACHMENT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, on a different topic, I come to the floor

today to discuss the Democrats' partisan campaign against President Trump.

The Democrats have been obsessed with impeaching him since day one of his Presidency, and I absolutely mean day one. As the President was taking the oath of office, sworn in to the Presidency, the Washington Post ran this headline: “The campaign to impeach President Trump has begun.” It was posted, actually, at 12:18, the day he took the oath of office. The minute he took the oath of office, that headline was posted.

So 3 years have passed, and impeachment is still taking up all the Democrats' time, all their efforts, and all their energy. They are fixated on it, and they are obsessed with it. As a doctor, in my opinion, the Democrats have a bad case of impeachment fever, and it seems that there is no cure for them.

We all know that Democrats deeply dislike this President. They have from the moment he was elected in November 2016. Let me ask you: Does that mean they get to overturn the last election? That is what they are trying to do, not to mention interfere with the upcoming election. That is really what it is—a bitterly partisan process.

Remember, it is being controlled by one political party. This is totally partisan, and up to now, at least it has been conducted, prior to today, in total secret, in the cellar, behind closed doors, and in the shadows. That is the way they have done it. It is not a fair process—no transparency and no accountability.

I think President Trump has a right to be treated fairly, yet his rights have been completely ignored. The process, in my opinion, is rigged against the President. The outcome is predetermined and fixed. The Democratic House wins; the American public loses.

Democrats are so obsessed, they can't work. The people elected them to do a job, to work for them, and they are nowhere to be found. The Democrats, for example, will not pass defense funding, funding our military, protecting our borders, protecting our Nation, and they will not approve trade deals or lower drug costs. They will not even help fix our aging roads and bridges.

Well, that is all bad news for the American people. All of this is tied up in the impeachment obsession that is grinding the Democrats in the House to a halt. The good news is, Republicans are highly resistant to this fever, and so are most Americans.

We are not going to join the Democrats' impeachment campaign. Republicans prefer to work on the issues we were elected to address—jobs, the economy, national security—and we are going to continue to work for the people who elected us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. RES. 150

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, over 104 years ago, the Ottoman Empire launched a systematic campaign to exterminate the Armenian population through killings, forced deportation, starvation, and other brutal means. Every year I join the Armenian community in honoring the memory of the victims who made invaluable contributions to sustain the Armenian people and preserve Armenian history and culture before their cruel, inhuman deaths.

At the time of the genocide, U.S. diplomats who witnessed it knew that the tragedy they were seeing was an intentional choice. Henry Morgenthau, the then-U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, said that the Turkish Government's deportation order for the Armenians was “a death warrant to a whole race.” Those are his words. They are “a death warrant to a whole race,” and an aim which “they made no particular attempt to conceal” in their discussions with them.

We know what to call such an intentional, highly organized effort to destroy a people on account of their identity alone: genocide. In other circumstances, no one questions this definition.

U.S. foreign policy must reflect an honest accounting of human rights abuses, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing, and genocide. We cannot turn our backs on the Armenian victims of genocide nor on any victims of genocide anywhere or anytime it occurs. If we do, we only empower those who seek to use genocide as a weapon of war for their own malevolent purposes.

The Government of Turkey has funded lobbyists willing to trumpet lies and make excuses for these atrocities. The Turkish Government and its sympathizers have advocated for restrictive laws on expression and against legislation that recognizes the Armenian genocide, initiated prosecutions and smear campaigns against those who study the Armenian community's experiences at the hands of the Turks, and even resorted to violence and harassment of journalists and human rights activists who bravely speak the truth. These actions are unacceptable and speak volumes to both the crime and its coverup.

Thankfully, there are also voices speaking up against Turkey's efforts to silence the truth of the Armenian genocide. I have long worked in the U.S. Senate to push for this honest accounting and to ensure that anyone who represents the U.S. Government does the same. In every session of Congress since 2006, I have introduced or cosponsored resolutions affirming the facts of the Armenian genocide. When I was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I was proud to preside over the passage of an Armenian genocide resolution out of committee for the first time.

The U.S. Congress cannot stand idly by and let the truth of genocide be silenced. We must commit ourselves to learning the painful history of the Armenians as we seek to build a better world for our own and future generations. We must stand up unequivocally for truth, justice, and peace. Only then, with that hard work and advocacy and recognition of the truth, will we then confidently be able to say “never again.” Never again.

I have heard many colleagues come to the floor when we talked about the Holocaust and say “never again.” In Rwanda, we said “never again.” In the Armenian genocide, we should say “never again” as well. Genocide is genocide, and we should recognize it as such so we can move forward at the end of the day.

I am proud to have worked with Senator CRUZ and 23 other Senators in leading a resolution recognizing the horror of this genocide. I thank them for their efforts on this important resolution and appreciate their standing up for the truth.

This is not an issue of historical dispute. I listened to President Erdogan’s press conference with President Trump where he suggested they are reviewing this history. They are going to review it until there isn’t one more Armenian genocide victim alive. Historians from across the world, the most noted historians, and genocide observers and experts and ethicists have said that this was a genocide.

I want to thank my colleagues for forwarding this important resolution and appreciate their standing up for the truth. I hope the full Senate will join us and send a clear message to the world that the United States stands by the truth, stands by justice, and stands with victims of genocide wherever they may be. This passed overwhelmingly with strong Republican support in the House of Representatives. We are one step away from finally recognizing this historical fact.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 150 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, No. 1, there is nobody I admire more on foreign policy than Senator MENENDEZ. He has been a champion of this cause. My objection will not be to sugarcoat history, nor to rewrite it. I just met with President Erdogan and President Trump about the S-400 purchase and about the problems we face in Syria from the military incursion by Turkey, and I do hope Turkey and Armenia can come together and deal with this prob-

lem. But given where we are in Syria and some hope that maybe we can resolve things, I object, not because of the past but because of the future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, needless to say, I have great admiration for the Senator from South Carolina and consider him a friend, but our problem with Turkey—and I know my colleague has asked me several times: What are we doing about Turkey? And I know it was meant in the context of sanctions, which I obviously do support for a variety of reasons—violations of CAATSA, purchase of the S-400, what they did in Syria, and the list goes on and on. But in our desire to see Turkey become that which we would want it to be, which it is not, under President Erdogan, we continue to become enablers of the types of actions that are undemocratic. More journalists are jailed in Turkey than in any other place in the world. Imagine that—a NATO ally. More lawyers are jailed in Turkey than in any other place in the world. And the simple recognition of a historical fact—the simple recognition of a historical fact of the Ottoman Empire and the cruel persecution of the Armenian people cannot be recognized by the U.S. Senate the way the House of Representatives recognized it in an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote? Are we so afraid to stand up to history and the truth? Are we so afraid about Turkey? Who is the superpower? Who is the superpower? I am beginning to wonder because every time Turkey threatens to do something, we cower.

Well, as far as I am concerned, they don’t get to dictate the views of the Congress of the United States. They don’t get to dictate the views of this Senate. This Senate should rise up and recognize the historical truth as documented by historians and as documented by our own diplomats. I will not cease continuing to come to the floor to prick the conscience of the Senate and to ultimately reveal who supports recognizing the Armenian genocide and who does not. Otherwise, the words “never again”—they are just hollow.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I always appreciate Senator MENENDEZ standing up for human rights all over the world, and this is one of the worst human rights violations the world has seen in the last 150 years. I thank my friend from New Jersey.

#### NOMINATION OF STEVEN J. MENASHI

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, judges make decisions around the country. They are making them right now on workers’ rights, voters’ rights, women’s rights, civil rights, LGBTQ

rights—decisions that would limit those rights for a generation.

We used to be able to rely on judges to expand human rights and civil rights and all rights of humankind. Today, we cringe so often because of judges who get selected by this President who put their thumbs on the scale to support corporations over workers and health insurance companies over patients and Wall Street over consumers.

These same judges make decisions on healthcare and sentencing and corporate power. That is why we can’t afford to have Steven Menashi on the Federal bench. On all of these issues, his record makes it clear that he is not on the side of the people we were sent here to serve.

There is a simple rule for understanding where Steve Menashi stands on any issue: If a policy helps ordinary, hard-working Americans, Menashi opposes it. He argued that gun safety regulation is “pointless and self-defeating.” We are talking about common-sense background checks that 85 percent of the American public supports, all blocked by the gun manufacturers. Tell that to the people of Dayton whose lives were torn apart and ended in some cases by gun violence. Tell them background checks are pointless.

Menashi also advised Stephen Miller on immigration policy—the man who stands in the way of comprehensive immigration reform and helped orchestrate the separation—the ripping of children from their parents’ arms. Menashi refused to answer any questions about whether he worked on the Trump family separation policy with Stephen Miller.

He has been a senior adviser to Betsy DeVos at the Department of Education, where we have seen one disastrous decision after another. The headline in the New York Times says it all: “Appeals Court Nominee Shaped DeVos’s Illegal Loan Forgiveness Effort.” Menashi devised the scheme to illegally use people’s Social Security data to deny them debt relief after they were scammed by for-profit colleges. It seems that the Department of Education with Menashi there always sided with the for-profit schools against Denison or Ohio State or the University of Toledo or Lourdes or Case Western or any of the traditional, excellent schools of higher education in this country.

We have seen how shady schools like Corinthian used deceptive and even illegal tactics to trick Ohioans into taking out huge loans, only to then close up shop and leave them with meaningless degrees or credits—often falling short even of that but always with mountains of debt. We need to hold these for-profit schools accountable, but, of course, we learned not to hold our breath when it comes to the Trump administration holding any of the elite in this country accountable.

Instead of figuring out how to provide relief for students, DeVos and