

That is the area that has the red square around it. That is what we are talking about. That is where they are now. That is where these people are right now.

Morocco has repeatedly attempted to use a road in this region to transport the goods in violation of the U.N. cease-fire agreement. Let's keep in mind, it is the U.N. cease-fire agreement. They are the ones who are supposed to be promoting—not just protecting a cease-fire on both sides but promoting a referendum. It was this illegal use of the territory that Western Saharans were peacefully protesting.

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In fact, I heard just the other day—3 days ago—that they have some 200 trucks coming down from Morocco down to Guerguerat—that area down there where the peaceful protests are taking place.

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King Mohammed of Morocco this past weekend said: “Morocco will not waiver in its position.” That is in spite of what the—all the agreements that have taken place, including the United Nations.

We are also hearing concerned reports that he is sending military forces to the region as well as in a clear escalation. This isn't a new problem. Morocco has been trying to illegally use the Guerguerat issue for a long period of time.

That is the bridge that goes across from Western Sahara to Mauritania. The problem has been there for a long period of time. It is a concern for a couple of reasons. The first is simple. Morocco is escalating this situation again to claim more and more land, resources, and rights that they have no law behind them to claim. And they know it. They are fully aware of this.

In 2017, the United States was encouraging the United Nations to send a technical team to Guerguerat. Western Sahara welcomed this. Morocco blocked it because they didn't want to be exposed.

The second is that no one else—no one around the world—is raising the cause for alarm. Where is the United Nations now? They are charged with enforcing the 1991 cease-fire agreement. Yet they are nowhere to be found. They have been very silent, tolerating Morocco's abuse for years and Morocco's violations of the U.N. orders.

That is why the time is now to move from this frozen conflict and force Morocco to live up to their agreement of nearly 30 years and hold a referendum, not in a year and not in 3 years—they are always talking about what they are going to do out in the future—but now. Now is the time that we can do that. We need to take steps to hold the referendum for self-determination now.

Morocco is escalating and, left unchecked, they are going to keep their escalation going. The result would be inevitable. We would risk turning back to the times of open conflict. The U.N. needs to step up now and enforce their agreement, and the world needs to prove we all stand for our values of freedom and democracy by extending those values to the Sahrawis. They have waited too long.

Everyone is for this agreement—everyone is. I mean, we have the African Union, which is comprised of some 55 member states, and they are strongly in support of this independence for the Sahrawis. We have most of the European Community that supports the U.N. efforts. The European Court of Justice also ruled that Western Sahara is not a part of Morocco and that no EU economic agreements can cover Western Sahara.

In 2004, the United States and Morocco had a free-trade agreement where they did reaffirm—and that is the United States reaffirming—the independence of Western Sahara.

That is what is happening right now. The rest of the world is on our side on this issue. Who does Morocco have? They have paid lobbyists. Some of the lobbyists Morocco has employed: JPC Strategies, Third Circle, Neale Creek—averaging over \$1 million each year. In total, they have had some 10 lobbyists since 2016. And they have actually put in \$11 million—\$11 million in the Sahara. In Western Sahara, they have nothing. They have no resources. They are the giant with all of their lobbyists.

I made it clear earlier when I testified—and by the way, I did something I don't think has been done before since then: As a Member of the U.S. Senate, I testified at a House hearing that they had on this issue way back 15 years ago. This has stalled because there is just no money on our side. Morocco has it all.

Here is what we need to do. The time is right, and we have waited long enough. While we were to schedule a referendum, we need the United Nations to send a team to the Guerguerat area and confirm that Morocco is in violation of the agreement. Everyone knows they are in violation of the agreement. The agreement is very specific. It says that they are there to enforce this—the United Nations. This is the key part. They need to enforce the 1991 cease-fire agreement. This will restore faith with all parties and make real progress in reaching a referendum.

The reason we are concerned today is that we know Morocco, right now, is sending military equipment down to the area—some 200 trucks full of equipment. That is why this time is right, and it is going to have to happen.

Here they are. These are the people we are talking about. These are the people who are peacefully protesting to keep and use the land that is theirs and that has been theirs and that the whole world knows is theirs. They are the

victims. They deserve a referendum for separate termination, and the U.N. is going to have to make this happen. I don't know any other way this can happen.

First of all, they have agreed to it, and the U.N. is a party that can put that together. We are calling on them now to go ahead and do what they have agreed to do and end this conflict that has endured generation after generation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I had to look at my watch today to remind myself it has been a week since the November 3 general election. I must say, it seems it has been much longer than that.

Just as we have every 4 years throughout our Nation's history, the American people voted for our next Commander in Chief. In the months leading up to election day, we know the atmosphere was tense. The days of counting that followed it have been, as well, but I have full faith that our constitutional Republic is working just exactly the way it should.

A record-setting 150 million people and counting cast a ballot this election. In my State, there were 10.9 million voters—almost 11 million. The last time I was on the ballot, there were 4.7 million. So we have seen a huge influx of people and increased participation in the electoral process, and I think both of those are good things.

The reason people come to Texas is that we are still a land of opportunity, where people can come and work hard, start out with little, build something for themselves and their families, provide value to others so they can come find a job and provide for their families, which is, to me, the definition of the American dream.

We know that election workers and poll workers have worked across our country to ensure that every legal vote—whether it was in person or by mail—will be counted, and that is as it should be. I know major media outlets have projected that former Vice President Biden has secured enough electoral votes to be our next President, but there are still votes to be counted. As my friend the majority leader noted yesterday, the Constitution gives no role in this process to wealthy media companies.

Between recounts and legal challenges, it is tough to say exactly when the election will be certified. But if there are irregularities, if there are

questionable practices or wrongdoing, President Trump and his campaign—like every other candidate and their campaign—are entitled to seek legal remedies in court. Of course, if they do, they will be obligated to present evidence, which I understand is in the process of being marshaled, and to do so, obviously, with dispatch.

But while this process may seem drawn out to us living in the moment, legal challenges are not unprecedented. For example, back in 2000, we remember—some of us remember, most of us remember—the example of Al Gore, the Democratic nominee for President who didn't concede the election until December 13. During the weeks following the election, the American people waited patiently as the courts weighed in, and once they did, we all accepted the result. Acceptance of the result is key. I had faith in the process that led to that result just as I have faith in the process and institutions that are working now.

When the Electoral College meets on January 6, 2021, every American should have confidence in the free and fair elections that led to that result. Let me say that again. When the Electoral College meets on January 6, 2021, every American—win or lose—every American, every candidate should have confidence in the free and fair elections that led to the result. I think this is perhaps the single most important reason to let the process that is currently underway run its course. If one side or the other or, more importantly, the voters who, ultimately, voted for the candidate who loses feel the process is unfair or has been jammed through unreasonably, are they likely to accept the result of the election or will they feel cheated? Well, acceptance of that result is perhaps the single most important goal we ought to strive to achieve.

The peaceful transition of power is perhaps the single greatest feature of our constitutional system. Every 4 or 8 years, the most powerful person in the world steps aside to allow their successor, chosen by the people, to take charge. Of course, many wars have been fought, blood has been shed, and lives have been lost to secure this right to us as Americans and to ensure that peaceful transition of power after all the votes are counted.

Yet in America, dating back to 1797, when Washington willingly passed the torch to Adams, the peaceful transition of power has defined the office of President. It is a legacy that our forefathers established and one that generations of Americans have fought hard to protect. So in 2 months' time, we will see this American constitutional process play out once again. I have complete confidence in that conclusion.

While the Presidential race has dominated headlines over the last week, it was only one of the many races on the ballot, as the Presiding Officer knows from personal experience. From city halls to courthouses, to State houses,

to Congress, Americans cast their votes for leaders at every level of government. I was honored—as I am sure my colleague from Louisiana, the Presiding Officer, was—to be reelected by the people of our State for another term in the U.S. Senate.

During the campaign, I had a chance to present my record of service, and I was happy to do that to demonstrate that I have consistently fought to protect the rights of Texans and create more opportunities for every family to achieve their American dream.

Collectively, here in Washington, we have brought down taxes for American families. We have empowered job creators. We have strengthened our criminal background check system for gun purchases, and we have reformed our criminal justice system, just to name a few things.

But we have also worked hard to make healthcare more affordable by presenting more choices for consumers. We have supported quality education, and we have tried to make sure that safe communities are a reality for folks across the country and across the economic spectrum.

In Texas, we have provided funding to rebuild following hurricanes and tornados and other natural disasters, like many other States.

And throughout the COVID-19 crisis, we have provided unprecedented funding to help our frontline healthcare heroes, our small businesses, and our families stay afloat amid so much uncertainty.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to fight for a bright future for every family in Texas and to work with my colleagues to make sure that same promise is a reality for all Americans, and that is true regardless of who they voted for. That is exactly what I plan to do. I don't just represent the people who voted for me in this election; I represent all 29 million—and growing—Texans. I am honored to do it.

We have added a few new faces to the Texas delegation in the House, and I am eager to work with these men and women and my friend Senator CRUZ as Team Texas as we continue our record of delivering for our State. This is perhaps one of the most important lessons of Senator Hutchinson, whom I served with here in the Senate and who is now our Ambassador to NATO. She would always make this point to Republicans and Democrats in the Texas delegation. She said: We may be Members of the House or Members of the Senate. We may be Republicans or Democrats. But we are Team Texas.

I have been proud to continue that spirit and that effort. I am proud of the fact that in this election we increased the number of women elected to Congress. At least 134 women will serve in the next Congress, with a record number of Republican women in the House of Representatives. For young women like my own daughters and younger girls, in particular, this representation is long overdue—just like Amy Coney

Barrett, who was recently confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. What a wonderful example and role model for young women and maybe not so young women—for all women—and for all of us. It is something we should celebrate.

While we are still waiting to know which party will hold the majority here in the Senate—that will be determined on January 5 of 2021—it is clear that there was no blue wave that swept the country.

My Republican colleagues and I in the Senate will continue to fight against ideological policies from the left, or so-called progressives, that were resoundingly rejected in this election. We are not going to allow the Federal Government to tax Texas energy workers out of a job by imposing a carbon tax. We are not going to let them hamstring our police with unrealistic funding cuts or one-size-fits-all policies. And we are not going to allow them to pack the U.S. Supreme Court with political Justices intent on delivering results that couldn't be achieved through the legislative process. And we are not going to let them reverse the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, increase taxes, which will only make it harder for working families to put food on their tables.

Now, the Presiding Officer and I both participated in an organization called No Labels, and I am proud of the work I have done, regardless of the fact I am a Republican and he is a Republican. We both know—we all know—that you can't get things done here in Congress by just working with people in your own political party. You have to work together. Indeed, I think that is the genius of our system. It forces us to work together if we want to get things done.

I am proud of being consistently ranked as one of the most bipartisan Members of the Senate because I literally am willing to work with anyone, Republican or Democrat, who wants to make progress on the challenges that confront our Nation.

This came up in a recent conversation we had during a hearing just a few minutes ago, talking about the lessons we have learned from the coronavirus in terms of the vulnerability of our supply chains, whether it is personal protective equipment that was overwhelmingly made in China, which was threatened by the delay in reporting from China and the hoarding and, literally, the global rush to hoard PPE for their own countries and their own people.

But another example of that that we have worked on in a bipartisan way—most recently, in the National Defense Authorization bill—was to build more high-end semiconductors here in the United States. In 2019, only 1 foundry was being built in the United States and 16 of them in China, and you can imagine, if we are dependent for our economy, for our national defense on a sophisticated semiconductor manufactured in Taiwan, for example, that supply chain could be easily disrupted. So

I am proud of the fact that we did pass, in the Defense Authorization bill, an amendment 96 to 4 to begin the effort to reduce the vulnerability in our supply chain. That is an example of the kind of thing that I think we need to do more of and which I am proud to be a part of.

Well, I know Republicans have a long list of priorities, just as our Democratic colleagues do, but we still have a couple of months before the end of this Congress, and we need to find a way to work together in the best interest of the American people. The lights don't go out on the 116th Congress until January 3, which means we still have some time.

I believe that over the last 2 years—notwithstanding what you hear in the media, which tends to focus on those narrow areas where we disagree the most and does not focus on the areas where we worked cooperatively together because they, by definition, don't make news—we have actually accomplished a lot for the country, and I will have more to say about that in the coming days.

For now, I want to talk about the biggest remaining item on our to-do list and, that is an additional coronavirus relief package.

Texas has just hit the unenviable milestone of 1 million confirmed COVID-19 tests. More than 19,000 Texans have lost their lives due to this virus, and our healthcare providers in some parts of the State are still struggling to keep up with the cases that end up going into the hospital. As we head into the winter months, experts are telling us that things will get worse before they get better. It is part of the seasonal impact of a virus like this.

While we will continue to do our duty as individuals—wash our hands, mask when we can't socially distance, and the things we have learned to do, such as to stay home if you are sick—it is clear we are not through with this virus yet, even though we were delighted to hear some of the prospects for a vaccine in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, we still need to make sure that the assistance that we started in the first four bipartisan bills we passed, that we continue that assistance both on the healthcare front and on the economic front until we fully recover.

The researchers and scientists who have been developing a vaccine over the last months have been making tremendous progress, and we need to invest in their continued success. Once the vaccine is actually approved as safe and effective by the FDA, the logistics of getting it distributed across the country, prioritizing, I hope, the most vulnerable Americans—those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and those with underlying chronic illnesses—that is an enormous logistical challenge, and it is going to cost money.

At the same time, we need to make sure that our economic recovery continues and that means we need to continue to safely reopen our economy, just as our school children and our college students have transitioned from a virtual educational experience back into the classroom slowly but surely.

The unemployment rate in October dipped at 6.9 percent. Now, that is still a far cry from the 3.5 percent unemployment we had before the virus hit, but it is the lowest we have seen since the pandemic began, and we need to make sure we don't backslide into the double digits.

Well, we know with the pendency of the election, after we passed the CARES Act in late March, we tried, I think it was, four times to pass a more targeted bill. We spent roughly \$3.8 trillion in the first four pieces of legislation, and many of us—me included—felt like we needed to do more but on a targeted basis. The Speaker said, well, \$3 trillion was her pricetag. We offered a half a trillion dollars in additional targeted relief, to which she replied, “Nothing is better than something,” which made me do a double take. I always thought that something was better than nothing, not “nothing was better than something.”

Regardless of that, now that the election, by and large—at least, certainly, for Congress—is behind us, we need to address those people who still need help. I hope our Democratic colleagues will join us and not force the country to wait 2 more months. There is too much on the line.

So I want to conclude by thanking the people of my State for the opportunity to continue to fight for them here in the U.S. Senate, and now I am happy to get back to work with all of my colleagues to deal with this unfinished business.

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

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

REMEMBERING MARY “ELAINE” MANLOVE AND LAMBERT “WAYNE” MANLOVE, EDWARD MICHAEL RUSH, JR., PASTOR LOTTIE MAE LEE-DAVIS, AND GLORIA IGNUDO CORROZI

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, 2020 has been a difficult year for so many. We have lost far too many mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends.

My own heart and the hearts of many in Delaware grew heavier this week as we said goodbye in Delaware to a whole series of friends, folks who had long been champions of our community, folks who were exactly the sort of peo-

ple who helped build and sustain community.

I am grateful for the privilege of the floor to speak for a few minutes about the legacy of these lions of Delaware, these folks who were giants of service and who gave their hearts to us.

On Monday, we said goodbye to Elaine and Wayne Manlove, who were loved by so many, and I rise first to pay tribute to them—some of the most special people I have ever known.

They were killed in a tragic accident literally the day before last Tuesday's election. On that day, we lost two of Delaware's greatest diamonds, Mary “Elaine” Manlove and Lambert “Wayne” Manlove from Hockessin and Ocean View. It was always striking they went not by their first names but by their middle names. They were known as Elaine and Wayne Manlove. These are proud patriots, people dedicated to our State and community who spent decades giving to others.

Elaine I knew best in her role as State elections commissioner and as someone who fought hard here for funding for election security and election systems. The very last time I saw her, she was proudly showing off the brandnew statewide election system in Delaware. She didn't, tragically, get to see the fruits of her labor—the deployment of these new, state-of-the-art digital voting machines. Her many professional achievements in that role: increasing our voter rolls, modernizing machines, bringing elections to the classrooms, carrying off just this last Tuesday a near flawless statewide election. While impressive, it was just a very small part of who Elaine was.

Deeply proud of her Irish heritage, known for her kindness and her generosity, her Irish Catholic faith that she and Wayne shared was a foundation for them and for their family and their lives.

St. Patrick's Day in Wilmington was often the highlight. Elaine was one of the folks who helped organize the annual St. Patrick's Day mass and breakfast—a breakfast that raised money for the St. Patrick Center that serves some of the neediest and most marginalized in Wilmington but a breakfast that was a celebration of the intersection of faith, politics, service, hope, and community.

My own wife Annie worked with Elaine for years in New Castle County government long before her time as the State elections commissioner, and they remained close for years afterward. Annie knew her as the best mom and grandmother and friend to so many people.

Margaret Aitkin, one of Elaine's closest friends, who also served with her and my wife in county government, said:

Elaine never sought the spotlight, and she never tried to be the center of attention—she was like a warm fire that you just gravitated towards. She wasn't the life of the party; she was the reason for the party.

Elaine had a special and giving spirit that had a lasting and transformative