

Lake City, and hundreds more in the Dallas-Forth Worth area have volunteered to be part of the trial.

One of those Texans is a woman named Andrea Lucia, who received her first dose of the vaccine from a clinic in Keller, TX, in late September and returned for the second dose 3 weeks later. Like other volunteers in a double-blind study, where half gets a placebo and the other half gets the vaccine, Andrea doesn't know if she received the vaccine or not, but every week, she is asked if she has any symptoms. Andrea said she will have occasional followup appointments over the next year and a half, and once the vaccine becomes publicly available, she will find out if she received it already through the clinical trials.

I thank Andrea and the thousands of men and women like her who have volunteered to test these vaccines in the ongoing clinical trials. They have risked their own health to ensure the world can access a safe and effective vaccine as quickly as possible and, of course, subject to the determination by the Food and Drug Administration that it is safe and effective.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the brilliant researchers, scientists, doctors, and nurses who sprinted at full speed in the race for this vaccine for months on end. America is proud of their heroic work, and we will keep cheering them on and supporting their work as the race for a vaccine continues.

END-OF-YEAR PRIORITIES

Madam President, finally, while the election updates have dominated headlines over the last week or so, the work of the 116th Congress is far from being finished.

As I mentioned yesterday, my top priority is to pass another coronavirus relief package. We need to ensure that our researchers and scientists have the resources they need to continue to make progress on the therapeutics and eventual vaccine and the money and the logistical organization needed to deploy the vaccine once it is finally approved. I suspect that there will not just be one vaccine but, hopefully, multiple vaccines available.

We also need to make sure that our ongoing economic recovery keeps trending in the right direction.

While addressing this pandemic should be our top priority, we can't take our eyes off of other threats. Over the last few months, I have been working with a bipartisan group of Senators and others in the House to advance legislation to address our vulnerabilities in one of our most critical supply chains. This is one of the most significant lessons this virus has taught us—the vulnerability of some critical supply chains. One of those is for semiconductors.

Regardless of how much the average consumer knows about semiconductors, these chips, these integrated circuits, are everywhere. They are in the technology for everything, including

our cell phones to the advanced weapons systems that support our national security and defense. Yet, for all of the ways our dependence on products that use semiconductors has grown, so has our vulnerability, because the U.S. production of these chips has declined over the last two decades. It will come as no surprise that other countries have stepped in to fill the void.

China has gone from manufacturing zero semiconductors to manufacturing 16 percent of the world's supply. You can bet it doesn't plan to stop there. China is preparing to invest another \$1.4 trillion in semiconductor technologies. If you are looking for a reason that this is so dangerous, just look at the personal protective equipment shortages we faced at the start of this pandemic. The need was so high that hospitals asked the public to help boost their supplies. They took donations from folks who had extra boxes of N95 masks in their garages, and they took gloves from salons that had closed their doors to help in the mitigation efforts.

We didn't reach that point because of there being a lack of preparation by hospitals but, rather, because of our reliance—our dependence, if you will—on other countries, notably China, to produce this medical gear. It has been a wake-up call and a reminder that we need to take action today to protect our most critical supply chains from similar vulnerabilities. If we are going to regain lost ground in semiconductor manufacturing, it is going to require a strategic investment by the Federal Government.

That is where the legislation I introduced with our colleague, the senior Senator from Virginia, Senator WARNER, comes in, which is called the CHIPS for America Act. It creates a Federal incentive program, through the Department of Commerce, to encourage semiconductor manufacturing in the United States. This will, we hope, help to stimulate domestic advanced semiconductor manufacturing and boost both our national security and our global economic competitiveness.

We worked hand in glove with Senator COTTON from Arkansas and with Senator SCHUMER, the Democratic leader, in drafting an amendment that was adopted by the whole Senate by a vote of 96 to 4 in the national defense authorization bill. So, as you can see, this is a priority for both the Republicans and the Democrats in the House and in the Senate, and I am optimistic that it will head to the President's desk with the full National Defense Authorization Act in the coming weeks. Yet this just means we are halfway there.

The next step is funding. I am working with colleagues on both sides to ensure we can provide the full funding for this legislation and finally restore American leadership in semiconductor manufacturing. This is key to our long-term national security and economic

competitiveness, and it will be one of my top priorities in the coming weeks as the Senate prepares to consider appropriations bills.

It is no longer possible for us just to leave this sort of laissez-faire free market economics. Our competitors—notably, Communist China—are investing billions of dollars in everything from 5G to artificial intelligence, to quantum computers. They don't have to go through a democratic or constitutional process like we do in order to appropriate money for that purpose.

I just think it is time for us to rethink and maybe reset the way we view our vulnerabilities and our need to be competitive and, indeed, to win that competition with countries like Communist China, which do not play by the same set of rules as we do.

Before the end of the year, I also hope we can get another piece of legislation across the finish line called the Jenna Quinn Law, which is the ultimate example of noncontroversial, consensus legislation. Senator HASSAN of New Hampshire is my partner on this particular bill. It is named for an inspiring Texan who is one of more than 42 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse nationwide. Sadly, these victims often stay silent for months, years, or some for even a lifetime, and as a result, they and countless other victims continue to be subjected to abuse.

Jenna has devoted her life to interrupting this cycle. She was the driving force behind a State law in Texas which requires training for teachers and caregivers and other adults who work with children on how to prevent, recognize, and report child sexual abuse. The signs of child sexual abuse are unique from other forms of child abuse, and correctly identifying these signs is integral to bringing children out of an abusive situation.

After our State law passed in 2009, one study found educators reported child sexual abuse at a rate almost four times greater after training than they did before training. It was one of the first child sexual abuse prevention laws in the United States to mandate such training, and now more than half of the States have adopted some form of Jenna's Law.

Well, you might ask, if the States are passing these laws, why would we need to pass one here at the Federal level? Many States that have required training simply don't have funding for these programs. The Jenna Quinn law, when we pass it out of the House and it is signed by the President, will change that. It will allow the Department of Health and Human Services to make grants to be used for specialized training for students, teachers, and caregivers to learn how to identify, safely report, and hopefully prevent future child sexual abuse. It encourages States without similar laws to implement innovative programs to address child sexual abuse.

The Jenna Quinn Law passed the Senate unanimously here in September, and common sense would lead you to think it would pass in the House quickly and land on the President's desk without delay. Unfortunately, common sense doesn't always prevail here in Washington. Some in the House have chosen to hold this lifesaving legislation in an effort to advance a partisan bill that has no chance of passing in the Senate.

That is what many people hate about this place—holding hostage a consensus, bipartisan, child sexual assault victim prevention bill to help advance another partisan bill that has no chance of passing. We all know that an all-or-nothing approach here in Washington and particularly in Congress leaves you in the end with nothing. And when it comes to something as grave and consequential as child sexual abuse, that should not be an option.

As I have said before, this is a bipartisan bill that received unanimous support here in the Senate.

I have worked with several House Democrats on this legislation, including Congresswoman SUSAN WILD, who is the lead sponsor, and Congresswoman HALEY STEVENS, both of whom are members of the committee that has so far not even taken up the bill in the House. I have also been joined by two fellow Texans—Congressmen MICHAEL MCCAUL and RON WRIGHT—who have seen the incredible impact Jenna's Law has had in our State.

I hope our Democratic colleagues will push back on their leaders who are basically dragging their feet on this legislation and get it passed so we can save lives.

As families have isolated at home during the pandemic, signs of abuse have been harder and harder to identify. Teachers, education professionals, and other support staff at schools, like busdrivers, are responsible for more than half of the child sexual abuse reports, but obviously, if our children aren't going to the classroom, those reports are declining.

With children at home during the pandemic—out of sight from their teachers and other adults who would otherwise see them on a routine basis—we have seen a 40-percent decrease in reports compared to the same time last year. Well, normally, that would be great news. Any reduction in reports of child sexual abuse would be great news. But based on everything we know about the stresses and circumstances created by this pandemic and the fact that the children have to be in school to get identified as being a victim, this reduction in reports is distressing for all the obvious reasons. It is just not being identified or reported like it should be.

The need to pass this legislation to help our most vulnerable escape the cycle of abuse has never been greater. So I would urge all of our colleagues and particularly our House colleagues to pass the Jenna Quinn Law without

delay so we can get it to the President's desk so we can provide the help victims of child sexual abuse need as soon as possible.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. KAINE. Madam President, on November 9, 2016, I had one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

I stood on a hotel stage in New York City and, as my party's nominee for Vice President, introduced Secretary Hillary Clinton to address her supporters and the Nation for a concession speech. The polls in the Western United States had just been closed for about 10 hours, and it was a mere 8 hours after news organizations had called the 2016 election for Donald Trump.

Hillary Clinton had made history. She was the first woman nominee of a major party for President, and she had won the popular vote by millions of votes.

She was also deeply concerned about the election itself. Candidate Donald Trump had openly solicited help from a foreign adversary to win the election. While the dimensions of the foreign misinformation campaign were not yet fully clear, the Nation's intelligence community had publicly warned that a foreign country was active in efforts to undermine Secretary Clinton's candidacy and create chaos and division in the American electorate.

But Hillary Clinton was and is a patriotic American. She knew that she was behind by nearly 77,000 votes in the key States of Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. She knew that it was highly unlikely that recounts would change any of those three deficits in any appreciable way.

I watched Secretary Clinton struggle with the war between her personal feelings and her earnest search for what was right for the country, and I struggled with those same feelings. I was proud of Secretary Clinton when she walked to a microphone and said these words:

Last night, I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country. I hope that he will be a successful president for all Americans. This is not the outcome we wanted or we worked so hard for and I'm sorry that we did not win the election for the values we share and the vision we hold for our country.

We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future. Donald Trump is going to be our next president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead.

Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power and we don't just respect that, we cherish it.

It takes a strong moral compass to quickly set aside personal disappointment and choose country over your own personal feelings. Hillary Clinton demonstrated leadership that day.

I take the floor today to ask why Donald Trump won't put the country over his personal feelings, but I par-

ticularly want to ask my Republican Senate colleagues: Why won't you ask the President of your party to do the right thing and put the interests of the country over personal or partisan pursuits?

It is now 9 days after election day. It is 5 days since all major news organizations called the Presidential election for Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS. Donald Trump is now behind in the popular vote by more than 5 million votes, and that number is rising. Some suggest that the ultimate margin will be closer to 7 million votes. Donald Trump is behind in the key States of Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin—not by the 77,000-vote margin of 4 years ago but by nearly 220,000 votes, and that number is going up every day. Donald Trump has lost two other key States that he won in 2016—Georgia and Arizona. Yet how is President Trump acting? Like a spoiled child.

But it is not just a childish refusal to concede a loss; in his weakness, he is willing to speak and act in ways destructive to our democracy. He has not reached out to President-Elect Biden. He has not conceded. He and his White House team are instructing Federal agencies not to cooperate with the Biden transition. He is not allowing congressionally appropriated moneys to be used by the Biden transition. He is spreading unfounded rumors about voter fraud or irregularities without meaningful evidence. He is trashing hard-working election officials—even Republican officials—with his baseless claims. As reported yesterday by Military.com, his legal team is even branding as fraudulent ballots sent in by American service men and women and their families.

Just as ominous, President Trump is starting a purge of officials at the Pentagon, beginning with the firing of Defense Secretary Mark Esper. The officials the President is now jamming into short-term acting roles at the Pentagon include some who are unqualified and some who even Republican members of the Senate Armed Services Committee have previously determined are unfit to serve. These actions send a message of chaos and instability to adversaries around the world at the very time when the United States should be trying to send a message of calm and order.

It is futile to ask President Trump to put country over his personal interests. He has not been willing to do that. But I do ask my Senate Republican colleagues: Won't you concede that the country has elected a new President? Won't you speak out against baseless claims of voter fraud that whip up dangerous division at home, demean hard-working election officials, and paint an embarrassing picture of the United States around the world? Won't you demand that the Trump administration allow the Biden transition team the resources that we in Congress have provided to assist in that important task?

Won't you ask the President to avoid massive firings or other personnel actions in the lameduck period that heighten the sense of American instability? Won't you stand up for the proposition that peaceful transfers of power are a sacred part of our American heritage?

I recently took a look at comments that I made on the floor at this very spot on February 4. I was worried then, but my comments read even more frightening now. I stood here to explain my vote for impeachment. I said then:

"Unchallenged evil spreads like a virus. We have allowed a toxic President to infect the Senate and warp its behavior. An acquittal will lead to worse behavior."

The acquittal of this President has led to worse behavior. He is willing to demean our democracy in the eyes of the world because he is too weak to acknowledge that he lost an election. But there is still time for the Senate to be the adult leaders that this Nation so badly needs. Patriotic and mature leadership will not come from the President or the administration. The Senate must provide it.

And in the Senate, at this moment, strong Republican leadership to condemn President Trump's foolishness is key. When we Democrats stand up against the President, it makes little difference. We just get discounted by the President and his supporters. They are quickly forming a dangerous "Lost Cause" mythology about a stolen election. Every single Member of this Chamber knows that the myth that is being perpetrated is a lie. But some people will fall for the myth unless Republicans are willing to stand up and call out the lie.

The next 10 weeks are filled with peril. With COVID cases rising, hospitalizations increasing, deaths tragically multiplying, and people and businesses still suffering, we should be laser-focused on crushing this virus and rebuilding the American economy. The United States does not have the luxury to engage in conspiracy theories and multiple bogus election challenges.

To my colleagues, especially my Republican colleagues, the Nation needs the Senate right now to send a message of calm transition to a new administration. Please put our country first.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT of Florida). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BLUNT. 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.

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for roll call vote No. 227, motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon to be a Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for roll call vote No. 228, confirmation of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon to be a Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.●

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I was absent due to a family health matter requiring my attention when the Senate voted on vote No. 227 on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 863, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. On vote No. 227, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

Mr. President, I was absent due to a family health matter requiring my attention when the Senate voted on vote No. 228 on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 863, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. On vote No. 228, had I been present, I would have voted yea.●

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 177, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 812, of David W. Dugan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 178, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 813, Stephen P. McGlynn, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 179, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 812, of David W. Dugan, of Illinois, to be United

States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 180, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 813, Stephen P. McGlynn, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 222, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 890, Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.●

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORT

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to submit to the Senate the budget scorekeeping report for November 2020. This is my fourth scorekeeping report since I filed the deemed budget resolution for fiscal year 2021 on May 4, 2020, as required by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, BBA19. The report compares current-law levels of spending and revenues with the amounts agreed to in BBA19. In the Senate, this information is used to determine whether budgetary points of order lie against pending legislation. The Republican staff of the Budget Committee and the Congressional Budget Office, CBO, prepared this report pursuant to section 308(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, CBA. The information included in this report is current through November 6, 2020.

Since I filed the last scorekeeping report on September 10, 2020, two measures with significant enforceable budgetary effects have been enacted. The first measure, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act, P.L. 116-159, continued funding for all 12 annual appropriations bills through December 11, 2020, and extended or modified numerous surface transportation, healthcare, nutrition and commodities, veterans' health and benefits, and immigration programs and policies. The authorizing non-emergency provisions of the bill, which were scored to the Finance (Division C), Agriculture (Division D), and Veterans' Affairs (Division E) committees, would increase the deficit \$97.6 billion in fiscal year 2021, \$7.1 billion over fiscal year 2021-2025, and \$8.4 billion over fiscal year 2021-2030. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 84-10.

The second measure, the Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, P.L. 116-164, extended preferential duty treatment for certain apparel items produced in the Caribbean Basin through fiscal year 2030. It also extended the date through which certain customs user fees and merchandise processing fees may be collected from September 30, 2029, to October 21, 2029. CBO estimated the bill would decrease revenue by \$299 million over the fiscal year 2021-2030 period, but the fee extensions would reduce direct outlays by \$435 million in fiscal year 2030. On net,