

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNIZING THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, it is my privilege to rise and congratulate the Kansas City Chiefs on their victory over the 49ers in Super Bowl LTV last week in Miami, FL.

With their victory, the Chiefs earned their second Super Bowl championship and their first since 1970. I would just note, as someone who was born just about 10 years after that first Super Bowl, I have literally been waiting my whole life for this, and, man, it is darn good.

This victory was Coach Andy Reid's 222nd career win and, of course, his first Super Bowl title in his Hall of Fame career.

The Chiefs were led by quarterback Patrick Mahomes. If you don't know who Patrick Mahomes is, I don't know where you have been for the last couple of years. Mahomes completed 26 of 42 passes for 286 yards and 2 touchdowns. He rushed nine times for 29 yards and another touchdown, and he was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Mahomes is the youngest player in the history of the NFL to win both the NFL MVP award and a Super Bowl title. Mahomes' play in the Super Bowl was the culmination of a historic play-off run, full of memorable moments, none more iconic than the "scamper down the sideline" for a touchdown to take the lead against the Tennessee Titans in the AFC championship game.

It takes a team to win a Super Bowl, and everyone on this team did his part. Running back Damien Williams had 17 carries for 104 yards and 1 touchdown, plus 4 catches for 29 yards and a touchdown. Tight end Travis Kelce added six receptions for 43 yards and one touchdown. Wide receiver Tyreek Hill had nine receptions for 105 yards, including that crucial 44-yard reception on third down with fewer than 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. And wide receiver Sammy Watkins added another five catches for 98 yards.

The defense and special teams did their part, too. Bashaud Breeland led the Chiefs with seven tackles and one interception. Defensive tackle Chris Jones was a disruptive force, batting down three passes from 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. Defensive end Frank Clark sacked Garoppolo on fourth and 10 with fewer than 2 minutes remaining to seal the victory—maybe my favorite play of the game. And Harrison Butker was perfect, making one field goal and four extra points. The entire Chiefs roster contributed to this historic victory.

I ask unanimous consent that all of their names be listed in the RECORD.

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

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

The entire Chiefs roster contributed to the Super Bowl victory, including Nick Allegretti, Jackson Barton, Blake Bell, Bashaud Breeland, Alex Brown, Harrison Butker, Morris Claiborne, Frank Clark, Dustin Colquitt, Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, Cam Erving, Rashad Fenton, Eric Fisher, Kendall Fuller, Mecole Hardman, Demone Harris, Chad Henne, Tyreek Hill, Anthony Hitchens, Ryan Hunter, Chris Jones, Travis Kelce, Tanoh Kpassagnon, Darron Lee, Jordan Lucas, Patrick Mahomes, Tyrann Mathieu, LeSean McCoy, Matt Moore, Ben Niemann, Derrick Nnadi, Dorian O'Daniel, Mike Pennel, Byron Pringle, Reggie Ragland, Austin Reiter, Demarcus Robinson, Khalel Saunders, Mitchell Schwartz, Anthony Sherman, Daniel Sorensen, Terrell Suggs, Darwin Thompson, Charvarius Ward, Sammy Watkins, Armani Watts, Damien Williams, Xavier Williams, James Winchester, Stefen Wisniewski, Andrew Wylie, and Deon Yelder.

Punter Dustin Colquitt, the longest tenured Chief and the team's nominee for Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, earned his first Super Bowl championship in his 15th season.

Rookie kick returner Mecole Hardman, tight end Travis Kelce, safety Tyrann Mathieu, and right tackle Mitchell Schwartz were named to the Associated Press All-Pro team for the 2019 season.

Mr. HAWLEY. If I could just add a word about the Hunt family, who own the Chiefs and have led the Chiefs for decades now, Lamar Hunt founded the Chiefs more than six decades ago and helped shape the National Football League, including by coining the phrase "Super Bowl." Those were his words. It was his idea. His legacy continues today with Clark and Tavia Hunt, who are remarkable people.

The entire Hunt family deserves great credit for their unwavering commitment to Kansas City, the State of Missouri, and the Chiefs organization, which they lead with tremendous poise, tremendous integrity, and tremendous honor.

Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs, to their employees, to the hundreds of thousands—maybe millions—of loyal fans out there, to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Clark Hunt, to President Mark Donovan, General Manager Brett Veach, Coach Reid, and his staff, trainers, and equipment managers, all of whom contributed to this great victory. They have people all over the world asking "how 'bout those Chiefs?"

Thank you.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today President Trump unveiled his budget proposal for fiscal year 2021. For the third year in a row, the President's budget puts a magnifying glass on the endemic, pervasive hypocrisy of this administration.

He says one thing in the State of the Union and does the opposite in his budget. But the budget is what he does. The State of the Union is just what he says. So, 1 week removed from the State of the Union Address, President Trump's budget doublecrosses the American workers and middle-class families he promised to help in that speech.

Let's take healthcare. Candidate Trump promised to protect the social safety net programs like Medicare and Medicaid, unlike other Republicans. Once in office, President Trump has proposed cutting—cutting—Medicare and Medicaid every year he sent us a budget. Once again, the President proposed steep cuts to Medicaid, as well as onerous new qualification requirements, policies that would take coverage away from millions.

Medicaid affects poor people, but it affects a whole lot of middle class people whose parents are in nursing homes and healthcare facilities. Dramatic cuts to Medicaid hurt large, large numbers of Americans, both poor and middle class.

On top of that, the budget proposes cutting funding for the Department of Health and Human Services by 9 percent. That is the Department in charge of the coronavirus. He is cutting the budget. Then, when something bad happens, he will blame somebody else. That is his MO.

The President stood in front of the Nation and promised his administration would protect Americans with preexisting conditions. It was a lie when he said it, and his budget makes that very, very clear. If the President's budget became reality, hundreds of billions of dollars would be taken away from healthcare services, and tens of millions of Americans would see their coverage disappear, including millions with preexisting conditions.

There is one term that appears nowhere in the President's budget. It is called "climate change." One of the greatest challenges of our time, the No. 1 threat facing our planet, climate change is not mentioned once among the hundreds of pages of the President's budget, except it does propose cutting the Environmental Protection Agency by 26 percent—more than a quarter.

The Earth is on fire. Antarctica had a 64-degree record temperature this week. What is the President's response? He douses the fire with the lighter fluid of weakened pollution regulations and then proposes cutting the fire department.

He cares about the oil companies. Lots of those Big Oil wildcatters send him tons of money. He doesn't care

about the future of this globe and that we are leaving something awful to our children and grandchildren.

Going further, in the President's budget, hundreds of billions would be slashed from Federal housing assistance, student loan forgiveness, and Federal disability insurance. Nutrition assistance to hungry families, long on the President's chopping block, would see another round of severe cuts. Food—food for children. They are poor. Take it away. Is that what this country stands for? Is that what our Judeo-Christian tradition stands for? Absolutely not. Absolutely not.

If you are an American struggling with student loan debt or health problems or housing costs or hunger, the President's budget says you are out of luck. Meanwhile, if you are a millionaire or a billionaire or a corporation or a Big Oil wildcatter, the President's budget says you are in luck.

When it comes to taxes, the President thinks the tax cuts should be extended for an additional 10 years. So, so much for this deficit reduction that the Republican Party used to stand for. Now it is clear. A few years after the tax cuts—2 years after them—the deficit is increasing. It hasn't produced that dramatic increase in revenues that everyone talked about. But let's do it for 10 years. No Republican should complain to Democrats about deficit reduction when we are talking about things that matter to average middle-class people, like Medicare and Medicaid, when the tax cuts are proposed for 10 years.

So the budget reveals once again where President Trump's priorities truly lie: not with the working Americans he touts in his speeches but with the ultrarich and the corporate elites he rewards with his policies. It can't be discarded soon enough.

One more point—I said it the night of the President's State of the Union. I said the truth serum will be his budget. Let's see if the President, for once, is telling a little bit of the truth.

The budget shows all the rhetoric is one way, and the actual budget is another. How long will the American people stand for this man's hypocrisy—blatant? I have never seen it in a President—Democrat or Republican—before.

WHISTLEBLOWERS

Mr. President, now, on whistleblowers, in the aftermath of the President's impeachment trial, the President has begun dismissing members of the administration who testified in Congress, including Lieutenant Colonel Vindman and Ambassador Sondland. The President also dismissed LTC Eugene Vindman. This was vindictive, nasty, typical of President Trump, and for no other reason than he was the brother of LTC Alexander Vindman.

This morning, senior adviser to the President Kellyanne Conway said these were not likely the last of the firings. This is a textbook case of witness retaliation. Not only is the retaliation against Lieutenant Colonel Vindman,

the anonymous whistleblower, and others like them shameful; it is also illegal. It is illegal. All Federal employees have the right—the legal right—to make protected disclosures to Congress and to inspectors general anonymously and free from reprisals. Even the Founding Fathers were concerned about whistleblowers and protecting them.

This country is being turned inside out, and too many people are going along. If something is going on that is wrong in government, don't we want to encourage government employees to bring that forward? Don't we? Well, not President Trump, because he is the government, and what is good for him—or what he thinks is good for him—he thinks is good for America, even when they diverge.

So the rights of whistleblowers are being challenged like never before, creating a chilling effect among those who in previous administrations might have come forward to expose abuses of power, waste, and fraud. Whistleblowers save the taxpayers money. Again, it used to be bipartisan. The Senator from Iowa has always been defending whistleblowers, but all of that goes away now that Trump is President. Without the courage of whistleblowers and the role of inspectors general, the American people would never have known how the President abused his power in Ukraine.

Now the President is taking steps to punish anyone who came forward, out of spite and out of a desire to prevent future whistleblowers from potentially reporting on the President's misconduct. Make no mistake about it, the President is conducting a deliberate campaign to intimidate anyone who might blow the whistle on his conduct or the conduct of those under his direction. He feels this cannot be tolerated.

So today I sent a letter to all 74 inspectors general in the executive branch, requesting that they immediately investigate any and all instances of retaliation against anyone who has made or in the future makes protected disclosures of Presidential misconduct to Congress or to an inspector general.

Members of the administration take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution. Some of them bravely stepped forward to tell the truth about the President's efforts to solicit foreign interference in the 2020 elections, and for that, for telling the truth under oath—which the President didn't allow his allies to do—for these people doing their patriotic duty to their country, they are being summarily dismissed from their jobs by a vindictive President.

Our Founders believed that truth was fundamental to the government and, indeed, the survival of the Republic. As the President takes steps to punish anyone in his administration who tells the truth, it is incumbent on the independent watchdogs in our government to protect whistleblowers like Lieuten-

ant Colonel Vindman and others who put their lives and livelihoods on the line to protect our freedoms. I was glad to hear the Chief of Staff say that Vindman, within the military, was protected. At least there is some honor left in this government.

NOMINATION OF ANDREW LYNN BRASHER

Mr. President, now, about the nomination of Mr. Brasher, now that the impeachment trial of the President is over, Leader McCONNELL is wasting no time getting us back to what seems to be his primary goal: rubberstamping unqualified and extreme judicial nominations.

This week the Senate will consider the nomination of Andrew Brasher to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Brasher's primary qualification to sit on the Federal bench seems to be the 6½ months—6½ months—he spent on the district court in Alabama. Let me repeat that. Senate Republicans installed Brasher as district court judge less than 7 months before moving to elevate him to an appellate court. I have never heard of anything like this. The Senate majority is asking us to promote a candidate for circuit court judgeship who has less than a year of experience as a judge. But he is not just unqualified. Maybe they are promoting him so quickly because they love the fact that his views are so wildly out of the mainstream. As Alabama's solicitor general, Brasher fought against women's reproductive rights, which three-quarters of Americans believe in; commonsense gun safety laws, which 90 percent of Americans believe in; and marriage equality, which the majority of Americans believe in. He employed farfetched legal theories that were overruled by the courts, including Justice Scalia. Mr. Brasher shamefully spent his career defending voter suppression efforts. So less than 1 week after covering up the President's attempt to cheat in the next election, Senate Republicans are moving forward to reward a nominee who supports voter suppression. Both actions smack of contempt for the democratic process and a blatant disregard for the franchise of American citizens, the thing many of our young men and women have died for throughout the century—the right to vote.

Mr. Brasher's nomination to the circuit court is another disgrace—an absolute disgrace—to our Federal judiciary. Every Senator should vote against it.

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

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the