

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. SASSE. Madam President, my amendment about doubling DARPA funding is really simple: It doubles DARPA funding. This amendment would provide an additional \$3.5 billion a year to the base, \$3.5 billion that DARPA currently receives over the next 5 years.

To members of the Armed Services Committee, I would tell you, this amendment doesn't do anything to mess with your base authorization. Your work is not displaced. This is simply additive. Modern war isn't just about enemy landings; it is also about enemy hackings. And the Chinese Communist Party is currently pouring money into machine learning, AI, and quantum because they think if they achieve first-mover advantage in cyber, they will ultimately become the world's preeminent superpower. DARPA's job is to make sure that doesn't happen.

We to need to make sure that Chairman Xi lies awake at night worrying about his critical infrastructure, his networks, and his vulnerabilities. And DARPA is currently doing that work, but DARPA is not funded for us to win the technology race.

Money that goes to NSF, which is the core of the bill that is before us—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. SASSE (continuing). Is important, but DARPA is different. DARPA is the one that leads Chairman Xi to be worried at night.

I request a "yes" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. SASSE. I ask for a recorded vote, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 2023

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 213 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Barrasso	Casey	Daines
Bennet	Collins	Durbin
Blumenthal	Coons	Ernst
Blunt	Cornyn	Fischer
Boozman	Cortez Masto	Gillibrand
Burr	Cotton	Graham
Cantwell	Cramer	Hagerty
Capito	Cruz	Hassan

Heinrich
Hickenlooper
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Kaine
Kelly
Kennedy
King
Lujan
Marshall
McConnell
Moran
Murkowski
Murphy

Murray
Ossoff
Padilla
Peters
Portman
Romney
Rosen
Rounds
Rubio
Sasse
Schatz
Schumer
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Shaheen

Shelby
Sinema
Stabenow
Sullivan
Tester
Thune
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock
Warren
Whitehouse
Wicker
Young

NAYS—30

Baldwin
Booker
Braun
Brown
Cardin
Carper
Cassidy
Crapo
Duckworth
Feinstein

Grassley
Hawley
Hirono
Johnson
Klobuchar
Lankford
Leahy
Lee
Lummis
Markley

Menendez
Merkley
Paul
Reed
Risch
Sanders
Smith
Toomey
Tuberville
Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Blackburn

Manchin

Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 30.

Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the adoption of this amendment, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2023) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. As if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vitiate the previous action on Executive Calendar No. 135.

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LATE SENATOR DAVID HENRY GAMBRELL

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res 245, submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 245) honoring the life and legacy of the late Senator David Henry Gambrell.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 245) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today in recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This annual commemoration offers the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the rich history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California and later Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both of Hawaii, first introduced a resolution in 1977 to establish an annual commemoration of the contributions of this community. That first resolution proclaimed the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. Congress passed a modified version of that resolution in 1978, which President Jimmy Carter signed into law. In 1990, Congress expanded Asian Pacific American Heritage Week to the entire month. Just 2 years later, Congress passed a final resolution permanently designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This timing is deliberate: It commemorates important milestones—the arrival of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869.

The Asian-American population is the fastest growing population in the United States, having risen from 10.5 million in 2000 to more than 23 million in 2020. More than 1.6 million individuals identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. With these combined figures, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander, AAPI, community makes up almost 7 percent of the U.S. population and roughly the same percentage of Maryland's population.

Nationwide, demographers estimate that this population, which consists of over 40 subgroups, will more than double from 20 million to more than 51 million by 2060.

Over the past year, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a vital role in our Nation's battle with COVID-19. Serving as frontline workers, first responders, and emergency personnel, they have provided life-saving and critical care to hundreds of thousands of people during unprecedented times.

The approximately 555,200 Asian-owned businesses in the United States represent approximately 1 in 10 businesses in the United States. As the chairman of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, I know the importance of each of these enterprises to our national economy and to the local communities they serve. I also know the serious challenges that all small business owners but particularly minority-owned businesses have faced since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some research indicates

that these businesses may have suffered the most significant economic effects of all demographic groups. Through the past year, I have sought to ensure that the Small Business Administration's grants and loans flow to smaller and minority-owned businesses.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have also served our Nation in important public service roles. Norm Mineta, after spending 20 years in the House of Representatives, served two Presidents—Bill Clinton and George W. Bush—first as Secretary of Commerce and then as the longest serving Secretary of Transportation. I was proud to serve with him in the House and with Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii from 2006 to 2012 during his tenure as President pro tempore of the Senate, a role that made him the highest ranking Asian-American government official in the history of the United States. Of course, KAMALA D. HARRIS eclipsed that distinction this year when she became Vice President—the first Asian American ever to hold that role. I am also proud every day to serve alongside Senators MAZIE HIRONO and TAMMY DUCKWORTH, two strong leaders who are committed to promoting the well-being and progress of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders along with all Americans.

The Asian-Americans and Pacific Islander population has long endured racism and prejudice. This discrimination reached a peak when President Roosevelt ordered the incarceration of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in internment camps as war began with the Empire of Japan in World War II. Over the last year and a half, we have seen an alarming and dangerous rise in prejudicial treatment and racially motivated hate crimes and attacks. According to a recent report, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID-19 between March 2020 and February 2021. Dangerous rhetoric such as calling COVID-19 the Chinese virus jeopardizes the safety and well-being of millions of Asian Americans.

It is time we stand up and protect our fellow neighbors, friends, coworkers, and loved ones. We need an all hands-on-deck approach to combat anti-Asian bias, prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes, and violence. Congress overwhelmingly passed S. 937, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which Senators HIRONO and DUCKWORTH introduced. This legislation serves as a pledge to our Asian-American community that we, as the United States of America, stand in solidarity with you and will not tolerate violations of your civil rights. I was proud to cosponsor Senators HIRONO and DUCKWORTH's resolution condemning discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Working together with our local, State, national, and international partners—along with our allies in the private sector and faith

community—we can stem this dangerous trend and provide a sense of peace and security to our Asian-American brothers and sisters. In doing so, I am committed to listening to and being guided by the voices of those individuals and communities who have suffered harm.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month offers all Americans the opportunity to recognize and to appreciate the important role of this community in our Nation, both throughout history and today. It is more important than ever that we all take advantage of it.

BORDER SECURITY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, in the 4 months since the Democrats took control of the U.S. Government, they have not once indicated they understand the severity of the crisis playing out along our southern border.

It is hard to believe they get the same reports from Customs and Border Protection as I do, so just in case they haven't seen this month's update yet, I am going to go ahead and run through the numbers.

In April, CBP apprehended more than 178,000 people trying to illegally cross our border.

Almost 14,000 of them were unaccompanied children or single minors.

Drug seizures were up 6 percent from March. We have already seized more fentanyl this year than we did all last year.

On top of all that we are still catching smugglers trying to pass off counterfeit face masks, prohibited COVID test kits, and banned pharmaceuticals.

It is important to understand that all of this, from the human trafficking to the drug smuggling to the bootleg PPE operations, are symptoms of a much bigger problem.

We are dealing with a systemic humanitarian, health and safety, and national security crisis that gets worse every time the Biden administration doubles down on open borders rhetoric.

What is worse, they are treating the chaos like a logistics issue. Instead of trying to reduce the flow of migrants coming to the southern border, the Biden administration is trying to speed the flow.

They are actively trying to move as many migrants into our country as possible.

Last week, we received reports that the Department of Health and Human Services is using Chattanooga, TN, as a rally point for unaccompanied minors on their way to meet up with their sponsors or move on to area shelters and homes.

We saw video of the children getting off of planes at Wilson Air Center and boarding buses to continue on their journey. At least four planes full of unaccompanied minors landed in Chattanooga last week.

It is important to realize that all this was happening in the dead of night,

without the knowledge of any Tennessee elected officials or community leaders.

No transparency, no coordination, no notice whatsoever.

This is cause for concern not only because HHS circumvented State authorities but because this Agency has a history of operating under a veil of secrecy when it concerns their handling of migrant children.

Back in 2014, HHS blocked congressional oversight of their migrant housing facilities. Our attempts to tour one such facility, which at the time housed more than 1,000 children, were met with delays, denials and refusals.

Fast-forward to today, and HHS is being just as secretive about how they are managing care for these children. Fortunately, eyewitnesses have come forward to confirm the scope and secrecy of this operation.

One source said: "They have intentionally not shared a lot of information with us. They don't want this to get out."

He went on: "They had, to my understanding, a field full of buses with more buses and more buses running all of these routes. Now, they're flying the kids because the buses were easier to videotape going down the highway. They've changed their strategy from buses to flying . . . In Chattanooga and other cities, motorcoach companies are waiting on planes to land and continuing their trek further north, dropping kids off along the way."

Now, let's be clear about one thing: The children in those buses are victims—victims of irresponsible rhetoric, of bad policy, and of manipulation and abuse by traffickers.

I would implore my colleagues to listen to these stories and to accept that the tragedy is compounded by the knowledge that none of these children should have been on those buses in the first place.

Moving children through Border Patrol custody, into HHS custody, and then delivering them to sponsors throughout the country is not a solution to the problem. It only makes the problem worse.

If Democrats want to embrace a "humane" approach to immigration reform, they should stop worrying about those talking points and secure the border. Treat this like the crisis it is.

Restore the Migrant Protection Protocols. I have introduced a bill that would make that happen; all we need is a few votes and a signature.

Fully embrace our title 42 authority to turn away adults and children who attempt to enter the country illegally. Close the loophole that has tempted so many parents to send their children to the border alone.

Resume construction of the border wall, and invest in the infrastructure, technology, and manpower it will take to truly secure those points of entry.

But above all else, stop making promises you can't keep.

This is the most important piece of advice I can give to my colleagues on