

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 36.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Ohio.

THE ECONOMY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, for generations, manufacturing was the lifeblood of communities across Ohio and throughout the country. It was heavily unionized. The jobs paid well. It is not a coincidence that those two things go together. We know carrying a union card means better wages, better hope in retirement benefits, and more control over the workers' schedule.

These jobs allowed generations of Americans to build a middle-class life. But beginning in the seventies and eighties, we stopped making things in this country. Look at places like my hometown of Mansfield, OH. I went to Johnny Appleseed Junior High School, Mansfield Senior High School. I walked the halls with sons and daughters of autoworkers from GM and machinists of Ohio Brass and electrical workers from Westinghouse and rubber workers from Mansfield Tire and hundreds and hundreds of the sons and daughters of people in the building trades—laborers and pipe fitters and carpenters and millwrights and painters and one trade after another. Companies like Westinghouse and Tappan Stove all closed down one after another. Go to any town in Ohio and throughout the industrial Midwest and people can name a similar list.

We know what happened: Corporations in Ohio shut down production in Mansfield, my hometown, or Lorain, where I was today, or Youngstown or Cincinnati or Toledo, in search of cheaper labor, in search of right-to-work States, and in search of weaker workers' compensation or unemployment benefit laws. They moved to Alabama. They moved to Tennessee. They moved to Arkansas.

And then, that wasn't quite good enough. Then those same corporations lobbied Congress for trade agreements and tax treatments. So they then moved on to Mexico, and that labor wasn't quite cheap enough, and they moved on to China.

Ohio has paid the price for years in the form of lost jobs and lost opportunities. Now—and I know what the Presiding Officer has seen in the State of Maine. You understand this. The whole country pays the price—higher prices, supply chain delays, losing entire high-tech industries to competitors like China.

Look where we've ended up. In Ohio, Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. Today, 99 percent of LED bulbs are made in China.

America invented the semiconductor. Forty years ago, the U.S. produced half of the world's semiconductors. Today it is 10 percent—about 75 percent made in East Asia. Look what happened. During the pandemic, companies across Ohio and the rest of the country shut down production lines not because

there wasn't demand, they shut down production lines and laid off workers because they couldn't get enough semiconductors.

Whether you are Ford in Lima, Whirlpool in Clyde, Kenworth in Chillicothe, OH, or Navistar in Springfield, you need these chips.

It is why the Senate must fund the bipartisan CHIPS Act. We agreed to authorize this program. Now it is time to move and to fund it.

At the end of January, Senator PORTMAN and I flew to Columbus to join Intel to announce the largest ever domestic investment in semiconductor manufacturing. It will create 10,000 good-paying jobs. Union tradespeople—5,000 union tradespeople—for 10 years will build this facility. Think of the magnitude of that. As we were flying in on the plane, I remember sitting with the Secretary of Commerce and Senator PORTMAN and my friend Don Graves, from Cleveland—the No. 2 guy at Commerce.

I looked out, and I said:

Today, in Ohio, we are finally burying the term "Rust Belt."

It is possible because we are on the verge of passing this historic investment. The EU, China, Taiwan, and South Korea are all for providing incentives to make these chips domestically. None of them—none of them—require stock warrants as this motion would have us do. That is why I oppose this motion. Other countries are mimicking what we are doing. The EU, if Congress doesn't move quickly on the CHIPS Act, is already trying to attract that business there.

In the history of the United States, the only time we have ever required equity warrants from private companies is during times of war or in moments of financial and global crisis. It is not a bailout; it is an incentive. This motion to instruct conferees is well-intentioned, but it won't work. It will make the U.S. program less competitive. It is likely to cause these companies to make these chips overseas where they can get the same incentives without those strings.

I understand Senator SANDERS' goal. It is a goal I share. I just spoke with the Presiding Officer, and neither of us has a particularly favorable attitude toward what we have seen with stock buybacks and the damage that they have done to our economy and what it has meant in the undermining of companies' investments in their workers and in new product lines. I have had—I don't know—6, 8, 10, 12 calls with the Chair of the Federal Reserve, Jay Powell, asking him—pleading with him—about restricting some of the stock buybacks at some of the largest American banks, especially during the pandemic.

As I said, I understand Senator SANDERS' goal. We have got to make sure that the jobs that are created are good-paying ones where workers can build careers. That is why, in the CHIPS Act, we require the chips funding go to the

construction or to the modernization of U.S. facilities to support American jobs, require chip applicants to make commitments to workers and community investments, and require chips projects be sustainable without additional Federal funding. These are initial Federal investments that generate long-term, well-paying jobs.

In both the Senate and House competition bills, we also require chips recipients to pay the prevailing wage to employees or contractors. That is why the United Auto Workers supports this position. They support chip funding. It is why the building trades support chips funding and oppose this SANDERS' motion.

I can tell you, from experience, if we drive these semiconductor jobs away, the alternative is not a replacement with other similarly high-quality jobs. Ohio has had that promise too often. Drive around Ohio, and you will see the alternative to low-wage, anti-union, big-box stores where workers have little control over their schedules and little power to build a better life.

It is also important to remember that this investment isn't just for semiconductors. It will affect smaller supply companies and their supply chains. It will affect all of the downstream industries that rely on these chips for all kinds of productions: appliances, auto, energy deployment. Our clean energy, independent future is going to rely on American-made semiconductor chips.

Mr. President, I want to talk on one other motion that will be made in the next 48 hours, on this floor, to the CHIPS Act.

We need to make more in this country. We shouldn't be taking other actions that discourage domestic production.

I urge my colleagues to oppose a motion to instruct that supports a broad exclusion process for 301 tariffs for goods from China. Those tariffs are in place because of China's unfair trade practices targeting our industrial base and Ohio jobs. The AFL-CIO opposes it. The U.S. Trade Rep's office opposes it, and she was confirmed here in a unanimous vote. The Alliance for American Manufacturing opposes it. They know that any removal of these tariffs needs to be part of a broader, strategic approach to trade policy with China.

We can't let China undermine the investments that American manufacturers make in workers and communities here in the United States. If we do this bill right, it will mean we will finally make more in America. We will begin bringing back the supply chains to our country. It will help us bury the term "Rust Belt" once and for all.

When you love this country, you fight for the people who make it work. That is what the CHIPS Act is about. It is about workers. It is about good-paying jobs. It is about increasing the unionization of workers in this country. It will lift all boats.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BROWN. 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. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 143. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea. •

TRIBUTE TO KATHY O'NAN

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, when a tornado tore through the city of Mayfield, KY, last December, America's eyes turned to the community. Volunteers, FEMA workers, and elected officials quickly rushed to the scene to offer our help. But in the aftermath of the devastating storm, amid all the commotion, one figure stood out above all the rest, rallying her town, coordinating recovery efforts, and promising that Mayfield would bounce back, no matter how long it took to rebuild. That inspiring leader was Mayfield Mayor Kathy O'Nan, and today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor O'Nan for her leadership and for recently earning recognition as the Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year.

In the past few months, Mayor O'Nan has become a familiar figure to anyone tracking Western Kentucky's recovery from last year's tornados. To the residents of Mayfield, though, she has long served as a standalone advocate for their town and an exemplary community leader. Mayor O'Nan got her start in Mayfield as a high school teacher and church choir director and still knows how to command a rowdy room, whether it is full of students or national reporters. She uses those skills to wear the many hats required of a mayor in a tight-knit town like Mayfield, from community cheerleader, to event coordinator, to business developer.

When I first arrived in Mayfield after last December's storms, Mayor O'Nan came up to me immediately, rattling off all the Federal help her community needed to recover. On every subsequent visit, she has been there front and center, ready to discuss storm relief. We have worked closely to provide Western Kentucky with the resources required to rebuild. I am incredibly grateful to

have such a hard-working, knowledgeable, and capable friend on the ground.

Mayor O'Nan's leadership has been noticed by figures around the country in the past few months. But, as always, her first priority is Mayfield, so I am confident her Woman of the Year Award from the Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of Commerce means more to her than any outside recognition ever could. After all, the residents of Mayfield aren't just her constituents. They are also her neighbors, family, and friends.

Mr. President, the Mayfield Messenger highlighted Mayor O'Nan's recognition as the Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in a recent article. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Mayfield Messenger, Apr. 23, 2022]

TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO VOLUNTEER: O'NAN NAMED AS MAYFIELD BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Women in Business luncheon at Trace Creek Baptist Church on Thursday. The event is held yearly to celebrate the accomplishments of females in the business industry within the community.

The 2022 Kentucky Derby themed luncheon included lunch, a keynote speaker, and the announcement of the Woman of the Year award. This year's recipient is Mayor Kathy O'Nan.

"Our award this year is named after Mary Prope, a woman who has served the community for many years," said Tanya Rose, vice-president of quality assurance research and development at Mayfield Consumer Products, presenting sponsor of the event. "Mary told me that she wants the recipient to be someone to have the commitment to this community as she does, someone who is an authentic role model. To lead by setting an example. We are looking for a female today to give this award to, that distributes that characteristic. She must have significant community involvement outside of what their job requires."

Ester Hubbard was brought onto the stage, along with the mayor's daughters, Meg O'Nan-Holmes and Ellen O'Nan.

When Hubbard first came to Mayfield in the 1980s, her husband had just had back surgery and was hospitalized in Memphis. She had two young children at the time who were both in preschool.

"I thought woe is me. I'm here trying to take care of these children. Well, my friends told me about this woman in Mayfield who also had two preschool children, however, her husband has a brain tumor and he's not expected to live," said Hubbard. "I thought to myself—if she can do it, I can do it."

O'Nan quickly became Hubbard's role model, before even knowing her.

"What a great role model she has been for me, for her girls, and for all of the people she has touched," said Hubbard.

O'Nan was a former teacher at Mayfield High School, and a choir director at her church prior to being elected mayor.

"She was such a good role model, and still is," said Hubbard. "These young people that she was around—she was a social studies teacher, and part of that is citizenship. She didn't talk about it, she acted on it."

Even though O'Nan was not born in Mayfield, Hubbard states that she was, and remains a wonderful part of this community.

"She gave to the school, going to every game or activity scheduled. She gave to the church, she gave to the community," said Hubbard. "But she still had time for real emergencies, like when my Jake was in second grade and they wouldn't let him practice because he didn't have all his gear. We hopped in the car and got him some, because to K.O. (O'Nan), that was an emergency."

O'Nan is known for her heart to help others, and her want to ease pain and put hope into the universe. At 5 a.m. on Dec. 11, O'Nan told the nation about the devastation Mayfield had just gone through—but also that there's always hope.

"I woke up the morning after the tornado, texts from people asking if we were okay of course," said Hubbard. "But then the rest were saying that my mayor was awesome. I was absolutely overwhelmed with the number of calls telling me over and over that my mayor is fantastic."

Ellen O'Nan spoke out about her mother's nickname—K.O.

"It originated when I was a senior in high school. I used to be grounded a lot, and when people would ask if I could do something—friends would say 'she can't, she's grounded, K.O. says no,'" said Ellen. "I always thought it was fitting though, because, in the boxing world, K.O. means to knock out. That's how she always approached challenges, anything hard in her life. She'd just knock them out."

As Ellen O'Nan thanked her mother for teaching her lessons about knocking out, O'Nan's other daughter, Meg O'Nan-Holmes spoke about how she admired her mother throughout her life for so many things.

"For the entirety of my life, I've admired you," said Meg O'Nan-Holmes. "But the biggest thing I admire is how strong you are. When I think about strong women, I think about her."

"I'm not a businesswoman. I'm an old school teacher, and I'm very proud to be an old school teacher," said O'Nan. "It's an honor to stand in front of you today. When my daughters were three and six, my husband did pass away."

O'Nan stated through all the pain and sorrow, a friend of hers said that she had been given a gift. She would have a special relationship with both of her daughters.

"I've done some really fun things in life, received honors I probably only half deserve, but in no way ever can I ever dispute the fact that the greatest part of my life is these two girls," said O'Nan. "They are my life. And life is to be fun."

O'Nan pointed out the women at her table, who work in Mayfield's city government.

"There are ten women who work in our government—if you were my student, you should know how important women getting the right to vote is to me," said O'Nan. "I always talked about my hero, Alice Hall. These ten women who sit with me at this table would not be here in this position today if it were not for our sisters who fought before us, to get us that way. To have a right to vote, to serve—to realize our importance."

Keynote speaker Alyson Van Hooser, spoke on the true meaning of leadership. She noted that meeting a need, and seeing a need is the importance of a true leader. That leadership is not a title, however, it is a characteristic. Attendees were given a copy of Van Hooser's book, 'Accelerate Your Success,' along with a goodie bag filled with items from this year's sponsors.

The following were sponsors of the event: Mayfield Consumer Products, FNB Bank, Re-Fabbed Boutique, Fox Wealth Management, US Bank, CFSB, WK&T, First Kentucky Bank, Regions Bank, Mayfield Water and Electric Systems, West Kentucky Rural Electric, AwardMasters, Centrifugal Technologies, CPlant Federal Credit Union, Kyle