

And I said: Well, Clifford, you know the question that is coming next. I can't run a campaign without financial resources. Will you give me money?

He said: No.

I was shocked. This is my friend.

He said: I will not give you money.

He said: But I will tell you what I will do, Kennedy. I will—since you have decided to run for office, I will buy you a gift certificate for a psychiatrist.

Well, that was Clifford—what a poignant statement. Of course, he ended up supporting me financially, but he went on to give me advice and say: Are you sure you want to do this? Politics is a rough business.

I miss Clifford. I am going to miss him. He has a wonderful family, wonderful kids, wonderful grandkids, wonderful great-grandkids. Jo-Anne, his wife, is just a lovely person. And I know that they will continue to spread the truths that were so important to Clifford Smith.

I went down to the funeral home Monday to say goodbye, but I wanted to say goodbye on the floor of the U.S. Senate and recognize my friend and a Louisiana favorite son, William Clifford Smith.

We celebrate his life, but his loss Louisiana weeps.

I yield the floor to my good friend from Kansas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, it was just a couple weeks ago that President Biden asked the Nation—he asked Republicans: What are Republicans for?

I want to make it clear tonight that I am for border security. I am for law and order.

I have been to the border three times in the past 4 to 5 years, and what I saw there was a crisis. And if I could, I just want to paint just for a minute what that crisis looks like.

Having been overseas doing medical mission work, I think I know a humanitarian, a health crisis when I see it, and this was a humanitarian crisis, a health crisis—thousands of people sleeping underneath a bridge. They just traveled across Mexico for days, maybe weeks, maybe months.

And as a physician, I looked out there, and what did I see? I saw people who were dehydrated, malnourishment, dehydration from diarrhea, from dysentery, scabies, tuberculosis.

The Border Patrol was overwhelmed. The doctors were overwhelmed, the nurses, the dentists—everybody was overwhelmed. That is what I would call a humanitarian crisis.

One of the biggest humanitarian crises going on, though, is human trafficking. As an obstetrician/gynecologist in Kansas, believe it or not, we would have to take care of young women who had been abused from human trafficking. Maybe they had chlamydia, maybe they were having a miscarriage, but I am just shocked at

the amount of human trafficking going on across the border.

In fiscal year 2021, 145,000 unaccompanied minors were apprehended at the southern border. And I want to emphasize, this is young girls and young boys that are being abused and sold into sex slavery.

Of that 145,000, about a third of the minors that were released to a sponsor we lost contact with. Are we turning children over to human trafficking? I think that is what we are all concerned about.

So I think certainly there is indeed a humanitarian crisis, a health crisis there.

Just to talk a little bit more about the border—and we will put that up here and renegotiate the microphone.

Look at the statistics from last year alone. Two million people were apprehended at the border last year—2 million people. Do you realize that there are 14 States in this country with less than 2 million people?

And beyond that, as I spoke with the Border Patrol there, they told me for every person they apprehend that two got across the lines, so probably an additional 4 million people came across, a total of 6 million. There are 30 States in our country with a population of 6 million people.

Furthermore, what we are doing is making the cartel rich. Again, what I was told by Texas Rangers and Border Patrol officers is the cartel is making \$3,000 to \$9,000 per person. And, of course, if it was some person maybe from the Middle East, a little bit harder to get across the border, they were getting \$20 to \$30,000 a person as well.

I haven't talked yet about the national security crisis. I think we have all seen the films and the reports of single adult males being flown on nighttime flights across the Nation being released, migrants using arrest warrants as forms of identification. I think, you know, America is not stupid. We see what is going on.

I want to talk about fentanyl for a second. So probably 90, 95 percent of the fentanyl coming into this country is made in China, coming across our southern border.

An average month of fentanyl being seized at the border was over 800 pounds. That is almost a half a ton of fentanyl. That would kill 200 million people. Now, this is a drug that if a drug dog sniffs it, it kills them. It makes them stop breathing. Most normal people, if they just had a small, small amount in it, it would make them stop breathing.

This is the national security crisis going on—more young people dying from fentanyl overdose than from COVID—and that is just part of the national security crisis.

You know, I kind of started off this discussion saying what I am for; that I am for border security. I want to tell you how we can fix the problems there, and these are solutions every American knows.

DHS, several years ago, came up with a \$25 billion budget to control the border. I couldn't think of a better way to invest \$25 billion of American dollars—to build a wall where it needs to be built, to finish the wall, to put the gates in that are sitting there rusting away. We could start with that.

We, of course, need more boots on the ground, more technology, more drug dogs—but \$25 billion would significantly improve the situation on the southern border.

Next, the administration can fully and in good faith enforce the "Remain in Mexico" policy and then catch-and-release practices.

And, finally, this, of course: work with Mexico. Let's go back and ask Mexico to help us to get the control, the security on the border; ask them to work on their southern border, which is much easier to control and, of course, work with our Border Patrol on our common border.

This is a crisis that America sees. Every townhall I do, someone is going to bring it up. Every one of them, without any question, someone is going to ask me—they say: Why does President Biden want this crisis?

I say: Well, what do you mean, he wants it?

They say: Well, obviously, he wants this crisis because it would still—it would be so easy to fix.

So if we see the problem, we know the solution—that would be my question for President Biden. Do you have the will to fix this crisis?

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to voice my strong support for four highly qualified nominees whom we are soon to vote on: Dr. Amy Gutmann to be the U.S. Ambassador to Germany; Mr. Scott Nathan to be the Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation; Ms. Lisa Carty to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council; and Ms. Chantale Wong to be the U.S. Director of the Asian Development Bank.

They are all highly qualified. I will speak for a minute or two on Dr. Gutmann and Mr. Nathan, in particular.

Our partnership with European allies is evermore critical as we attempt to deter further Russian escalation and aggressive behavior toward Ukraine. Germany is key to this effort—absolutely critical to the work we need to do to prevent Vladimir Putin from furthering his aims to reclaim a sphere of influence and destabilize Europe.

So while it was beyond irresponsible for some of our Republican colleagues to bottle up Dr. Gutmann's nomination for months, I am pleased that we are close to getting a confirmed ambassador in Berlin; an ambassador who will help coordinate our joint efforts to

stop a Russian invasion of Ukraine; an ambassador who will help repair the previous administration's damage to the U.S.-German relationship; and an ambassador who will represent the United States with great skill and determination.

I would also note that Dr. Gutmann's personal and professional background are a compelling fit for this position and for this moment. As the daughter of a German Jewish refugee who fled the Nazis and as an academic who has devoted her career to advancing freedom and democracy, she is the right person for the job in a moment where anti-Semitism is on the rise and dictators and autocrats around the world are emboldened.

I urge all of my colleagues to support Dr. Gutmann's nomination, and I look forward to her arrival in Berlin in short order.

President Biden also made an excellent decision in nominating Scott Nathan to be the next Chief Executive Officer of the Development Finance Corporation.

The DFC, as that entity is known, is a critical tool for improving economic development outcomes in developing countries, advancing U.S. economic competitiveness, and creating new opportunities in underserved countries and communities.

And while the DFC is only 2 years old, its importance to the advancement of U.S. foreign policy and international development priorities cannot be overstated.

Mr. Nathan will be able to draw on his leadership experience in both the private sector and in public service to ensure the DFC effectively leverages public-private partnerships and maximizes strategic development opportunities around the globe. He has the skills necessary to lead the Agency to be competitive with China's Belt and Road Initiative, to promote renewable energy development, and to support COVID-19 recovery, and, at the same time, to recognize and grapple with the complexity of these challenges.

I strongly support confirming Mr. Nathan, and I am eager to work with him once confirmed.

So all of these nominees deserve a positive, strong vote.

With that, I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 614, Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a term of fifteen years.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Gary C. Peters, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tammy Duckworth, Tim Kaine, Elizabeth Warren, Mazie K. Hirono, Alex Padilla, Tina Smith, Christopher A. Coons, Amy Klobuchar, Jon Tester.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a term of fifteen years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "nay."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 27 Ex.]

YEAS—55

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| Baldwin | Heinrich | Reed |
| Bennet | Hickenlooper | Romney |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Rosen |
| Blunt | Kaine | Sanders |
| Booker | Kelly | Schatz |
| Brown | King | Schumer |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Cardin | Leahy | Sinema |
| Carper | Manchin | Smith |
| Casey | Markey | Stabenow |
| Collins | Menendez | Tester |
| Coons | Merkley | Tillis |
| Cortez Masto | Murkowski | Warner |
| Duckworth | Murphy | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murray | Warren |
| Feinstein | Ossoff | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Padilla | Wyden |
| Graham | Peters | |
| Hassan | Portman | |

NAYS—40

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| Barrasso | Hagerty | Rounds |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Rubio |
| Boozman | Hyde-Smith | Sasse |
| Braun | Inhofe | Scott (FL) |
| Burr | Johnson | Scott (SC) |
| Capito | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Cassidy | Lankford | Sullivan |
| Cornyn | Lee | Thune |
| Cotton | Lummis | Toomey |
| Crapo | Marshall | Tuberville |
| Cruz | McConnell | Wicker |
| Ernst | Moran | Young |
| Fischer | Paul | |
| Grassley | Risch | |

NOT VOTING—5

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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). The yeas are 55, the nays are 40.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a term of fifteen years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previous order be modified so that the cloture vote on Executive Calendar No. 495 occur following the cloture vote on Calendar No. 474 and that all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I am asking the Members to stay here in the Chamber or in close proximity of the Chamber so we can get these votes done expeditiously. And, in that regard, I ask unanimous consent that we move the remaining votes from 15 minutes down to 10.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Thank you.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 644, Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Charles E. Schumer, Robert Menendez, Richard Blumenthal, Gary C. Peters, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Richard J. Durbin, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tammy Duckworth, Tim Kaine, Elizabeth Warren, Mazie K. Hirono, Alex Padilla, Tina Smith, Christopher A. Coons, Amy Klobuchar, Jon Tester.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Germany, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS),