

Why? Largely because the economy depends on the energy receipts that are still coming in from Russia selling its oil and gas around the world.

This week, there was some progress on that front. Back in June, the European Union decided to end all seaborne Russian oil imports by December 5. That was Monday. And the EU did, indeed, follow through on this promise. I applaud the European Union for taking that step.

However, in June, the EU also committed to end financing and insurance services for all vessels carrying Russian oil, even to non-European countries. This would be devastating to Russian oil exports since Europe dominates a large chunk of the maritime services market. Financing and insurance: Without financing and insurance from Europe, these ships would never embark and Russian oil sales would plummet.

Unfortunately, in this case, the EU did not follow through on this promise made in June. Instead, on Friday, the EU, the United States, other G-7 countries, and Australia agreed to what is being called a “price cap” scheme. Under this framework, the participating countries will continue to provide financing insurance for vessels selling Russian oil but only below a certain cost per barrel. So instead of ending these sales of seaborne Russian oil exports, we are enabling them at a lower price. What is more, as the Washington Post reports, the price cap, which was agreed to at \$60 per barrel, “is well above Russia’s cost of production and close to where its oil is currently trading—meaning it may not have much of a direct impact.”

That is my concern about it. I understand that there is another argument that the Russian oil price would, perhaps, be even higher at lower volumes if they didn’t have these ships. But I think the first plan made in June would have been much more effective in helping to tighten these sanctions.

Analysts, by the way, said the cap will have little immediate impact on the oil revenues that Moscow is currently earning. In fact, Russia itself said on Monday the cap is not going to hurt the financing of its special military operation, as they call it, in Ukraine—this deadly and unprovoked war.

The price cap is “an unhappy compromise that will do very little to cut Russia’s oil revenue” from current levels, said Ben Cahill, an energy security expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

I would ask the suffering people of Ukraine what they would think about it. Ukraine, Poland, and the Baltic States—who have consistently been right about the threat of Russian aggression—suggested a price cap of just \$30 a barrel if they were going to do a price cap; so half of the \$60 that the EU, the G-7, the U.S., and Australia ended up at. The one we agreed to, again, was twice as high.

On a more positive note, at a meeting in Romania last week, the NATO’s Secretary General reaffirmed that the door to membership remains open to Ukraine. This has been NATO’s official policy for Ukraine, by the way, since 2008, but it was important that the alliance reaffirm that commitment last week in the context of Vladimir Putin’s war on Ukraine.

I encourage NATO to begin the steps to welcome Ukraine in the future. Despite all the atrocities and hardships now we have talked about tonight, I believe that Ukraine will eventually prevail in this conflict and survive as a country and that Ukraine will someday join NATO and the European Union to add the most important security guarantees they could get. No amount of Russian missiles can stop that, by the way, because the people of Ukraine will always have something that Russia does not: freedom and faith.

Faith is what our Founding Fathers had so many years ago when they set out on a risky journey to chart America’s own destiny—faith that freedom would work. Faith is what the Ukrainian people grasped onto as they embarked on their own Revolution of Dignity in 2014, abandoning a corrupt Russian-backed regime and choosing freedom, democracy, and free markets. Ukrainians chose to stand with us, with the European Union and the United States and other free nations.

Faith is what gave the people of Ukraine the strength and resolve at the beginning of Russia’s overwhelming invasion in February—faith that as a country, they would survive, and as a people, they would come out on the other end of this conflict—when the odds were so stacked against them—more unified than ever.

Against all odds, again, that faith has been justified time and time again during this bloody war. Now, once again, it is time for us to join our allies in keeping the faith—faith in the proven Ukrainian bravery and perseverance and faith that freedom will win out over tyranny if we stay the course.

I yield the floor.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). The Senator from New Hampshire.

Ms. HASSAN. I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1103, Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury; that there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the

table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. HASSAN. 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.

TRIBUTE TO KEN LEONARD

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, anyone who knows Coach Ken Leonard knows that he cares deeply about football, but more than that, he cares deeply about people. As Illinois’ most successful high school football coach, Coach Leonard has left his mark on our State by leading Sacred Heart-Griffin High School to six State football championships and harnessing the power of sports to build confidence in young athletes. He never let any challenges get in his way and always inspired others to follow his lead.

Ken Leonard was born July 7, 1953, in Lexington, IL, to John and Iona Leonard. He was one of six children in his family, along with his two brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Chenoa High School in Chenoa, IL, where he was a four-sport athlete. Following high school, Ken was a 2-year starter for the Hawks of Harper Junior College football team in Palatine, IL, and a 1-year starter for the Trojans of Dakota State University in Madison, SD. Ken then graduated college from Illinois State University, but his career as a player was just the beginning of his legendary legacy.

In 1980, Ken took his first football head coaching job at Gridley High School, in a community of fewer than 2,000 people. A former smalltown kid himself, Ken felt right at home at Gridley, but the school struggled to recruit enough student players to field a football team. And they were forced to shut the program down. This setback, however, did not stop Ken from pursuing his passion for football.

Later that spring, Ken received a call from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, where he would go on to become the winningest high school football coach in Illinois history.

After 39 seasons with Sacred Heart-Griffin and 43 total seasons coaching high school football, Coach Leonard is set to retire this December. By the time he leaves the locker room for the last time, he will have coached 500 games and taught countless young athletes how to work as a team.

As a parent of Sacred Heart-Griffin alumni and a fan of high school football, I feel lucky to have met Coach

Leonard. Even after my kids graduated, I would catch as many games as I could. I even had the opportunity to attend a celebration for the Cyclones after they won one of their many State championships.

From my visits to Sacred Heart-Griffin, it was evident that Coach Leonard's impressive 419-81 record reflects his deep passion for the sport and tireless dedication to his athletes. If you ask Coach Leonard, he would tell you that he has not worked a day in his life because he loved what he did. And his impact extended well beyond the gridiron.

Coach Leonard did not just coach football; he coached character. His players have gone on to become All-Americans, college football players, and even NFL stars. But Ken knew that life was more than tackles and touchdowns. He believed that what mattered more than developing players was developing good citizens, and he spent as much time in the classroom and chapel as he did on the field and in the weight room.

His coaching style also inspired a legacy. My former staff member's son, Brendan Daly, played for Coach Leonard at Sacred Heart-Griffin. After playing and coaching collegiate football, Brendan joined the ranks of NFL coaches—going onto win three Super Bowl championships with the New England Patriots and another with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Ken's own son, Derek, now coaches at Rochester High School in Rochester, IL, and has already won State championships of his own—sometimes even facing off against his dad. When Ken started coaching against Derek, Ken and I would exchange letters recounting the familial showdowns. Now, it is possible that Derek may one day surpass his Dad's record. And I know Ken will be proud as ever when that day comes.

Despite his long record of accomplishments, Coach Leonard would be the last to take credit for his team's success on the field. Luckily many of his friends and colleagues in the Sacred Heart-Griffin community will be the first to give him the credit he deserves. It is rare for stadiums to be named after people during their lifetime, but in 2017, Sacred Heart-Griffin officials surprised Coach Leonard with a ceremony and announcement that the turf field would, from that point forward, be known as Ken Leonard Field. Standing together with the community and his wife, Liz, in the final year of her life, Coach Ken Leonard was speechless. And today, we in Illinois are thankful.

Ken Leonard is a reminder that committing yourself to what you love will shine a light for those around you. It is an honor to know Ken, as he is an inspiration to so many.

After many accomplishments, including being named the two-time National Coach of the Year and inducted into the Illinois Football Coaches Hall of

Fame, Ken Leonard will retire from coaching Sacred Heart-Griffin's football team on December 31, 2022. In true Ken Leonard fashion, he ended his career by coaching the Cyclones to defeat New Lenox Providence Catholic 44-20 and bring home their sixth State championship.

It is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach Ken Leonard. I offer my best wishes and congratulations to both Ken and his family on this important milestone.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR DUSTIN MONDLOCH

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize MAJ Dustin Mondloch, U.S. Army, for his outstanding work on behalf of the people of Maine and the Nation as a 2022 Department of Defense Legislative Fellow serving in my Washington, DC, office. Over the past year, Dustin has been integral in shaping my foreign policy and defense priorities. He helped secure a number of provisions in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act—FY23 NDAA—that will make our country stronger and safer. Dustin led my staff in orchestrating important appropriations for the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Office of National Drug Control Policy. His contributions—both to office morale and to our collective work product—are emblematic of his good character, competence, and strong work ethic.

Throughout his tenure in my office, Dustin demonstrated a level of professionalism and hard work I have come to expect—but not take for granted—from Department of Defense Legislative Fellows. Indeed, he follows a long line of accomplished U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officers who have made impactful contributions to my office and to U.S. national security policy. He distinguished himself as the first Army officer to serve in my office, setting a high bar and providing invaluable advice and insights personally to me. Over the course of the year, Dustin prepared and advised me on wide ranging and complex matters under consideration before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He brought his space expertise to assist me in the Strategic Forces Subcommittee briefings and deliberations, that resulted in important funding authorizations and legislation. Dustin's servant leadership showed in his work with constituents and while securing legislation to address Active Duty and veteran suicide. His attention to detail became apparent as he assisted me in dissecting, literally, thousands of pages of the Abbey Gate inspector general investigation. Further, he authored sections of report language, including one of my top concerns regarding the will to fight analysis of foreign militaries by our national security community. In addi-

tion, he became my go-to lead for monitoring the horrific war in Ukraine, providing clear-headed and thoughtful analysis, and liaised with representatives from the White House, State Department, and Department of Defense to convey my positions and concerns. His candor and honest assessments provided critical insights during this fraught time in U.S. history, and our Nation is better because of it.

On behalf of my colleagues and the U.S. Congress, I thank Dustin for his dedicated service to my staff, the State of Maine, the U.S. Army, and the Nation. Part of what makes the U.S. military the greatest in the history of the world is that servicemembers like Dustin dedicate their lives to service and sacrifice for their country. Major Mondloch does not do it alone, so I also acknowledge the support of his family—his wife Danielle, his son Cole, and his daughter Lennox. I wish them all the best on what I know is a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BILL COTTER

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Mr. Bill Cotter for his service and contributions to the State of Mississippi in his 23 years of service with the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Bill is retiring as CEO, but his record of leadership with the commission extends well beyond his latest role. In addition to CEO, Bill has served as the director of Stennis International Airport, as well as the chief operations officer for the facility as a whole, which includes the airport, its surrounding commercial property, and the Port Bienville Industrial Park, located on the Pearl River in southwest Mississippi.

While advancing into greater positions of responsibility, Bill's guidance helped the Hancock Port and Harbor Commission meet challenges head-on and achieve enormous success. As airport director, Bill led Stennis Airport's recovery from Hurricane Katrina, and he coordinated the tasks necessary for transitioning the airfield into a disaster response staging area during the BP Deepwater Horizon crisis.

Bill's contributions to the agency are also felt through his project management undertakings. Since 2005, Bill has overseen nearly \$40 million in capital improvements at Stennis International Airport, which have proved invaluable in enabling the facility to serve as a resource in meeting the aviation needs of both the military, businesses, and industry.

The Port and Harbor Commission's maritime business has also thrived under Bill's leadership. During his tenure as chief operating officer, existing docks at Port Bienville were refurbished and improved, and construction is underway on a new 600-foot dock.