

mainland, buying up critical infrastructure inside the United States and stealing the intellectual property of U.S. citizens. Iran and North Korea are spinning up their centrifuges, cracking down on their own people, and making threats to the security of their respective regions. At our own southern border right now, we have a historic humanitarian and national security crisis. But instead of pursuing what used to be a nonpartisan imperative to secure the border, the current administration is retreating from their responsibility to protect and defend this country.

All of this chaos is the result of America being a diminished country, all too willing to cede the stage and to let others lead. That is not the way that the world will find peace and security. Peace is achieved through American strength, and it is American weakness, instead, that provokes evil. Our country must return to the principles of clarity and purpose, a willingness to act when the situation calls for it, and the strength to follow through when we face obstacles.

As a country, we can have anything that we want, as long as we act with wisdom and conviction. And, ladies and gentlemen, we know what works. We have done it before, and you can bet that we can do it again. Despite all the things that are broken right now, none of them can overshadow the uniquely American ability to overcome a challenge.

Each and every day, I am filled with a tremendous sense of gratitude that I live in the United States of America, and I believe that millions of people out there, they feel the exact same way.

In the final analysis, it is our shores that welcome 1 million legal immigrants every year. It is our country that is viewed by millions as a place where they can shed an old life and they can start again.

People vote with their feet. In the United States of America, we are still the last and best beacon of hope on this planet. All we have to do is keep it that way.

At the end of the day, we must seek to be a nation that empowers every citizen, ensures human flourishing, and preserves freedom for each and every individual to pursue their American dream.

I am going to leave you with this. My No. 1 goal during my time in the U.S. Senate is to create a strong nation, to build strong families, and to be of service to others; to make other people's lives better, to do just what I said that I was going to do.

That is how I have lived throughout my life, and that is the kind of Senator I want to be.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I want to just speak briefly on Senator BUDD and how thrilled I am to have him as a colleague in the U.S. Senate.

I think, if you heard his speech, he mentioned our State motto, "esse quam videri": "to be rather than to seem."

What you saw here was a rational, reasonable, respectful Member of the Senate. I observed that for years when he was in Congress. TED BUDD and I met back in 2013. I watched him serve the State of North Carolina before he was elected to Congress. I admired the way he carried himself when he was in the House. I have been thrilled to see how well he has hit the ground running here in the Senate.

But I will tell you, much like my campaigns—they are not necessarily easy in North Carolina, and, truthfully, TED was running in a primary. I had two friends running in a primary. The way he conducted himself there was also very rational, very reasonable, very respectful. That is why I think he is a U.S. Senator today.

That is the second reason. The primary reason he is a U.S. Senator today relates to a lady named Amy Kate, her son, and two daughters.

Now, if it wasn't in violation of the rules, I would look up in the Gallery and thank Amy Kate and her family directly, but that is a violation of the rules, Amy Kate, so I won't do that.

But I just want to let everybody know in North Carolina, you have picked a great partner for me to have in the U.S. Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I just wanted to say to our new colleague: Welcome to the Senate, and an outstanding opening speech. I look forward to serving with you for many years to come.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The 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. 175, Jeremy C. Daniel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Charles E. Schumer, Raphael G. Warnock, Mazie Hirono, Jeanne Shaheen, Elizabeth Warren, Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed, Mark Kelly, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Amy Klobuchar, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, John Fetterman, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown.

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 Jeremy C. Daniel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 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), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 57, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 127 Ex.]

YEAS—57

Baldwin	Hirono	Rounds
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Booker	Kennedy	Schumer
Brown	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Sinema
Cardin	Lujan	Smith
Carper	Manchin	Stabenow
Casey	Markey	Sullivan
Collins	McConnell	Tester
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Tillis
Duckworth	Murkowski	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Graham	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Rosen	Young

NAYS—39

Barrasso	Daines	Moran
Blackburn	Ernst	Paul
Boozman	Fischer	Ricketts
Braun	Grassley	Risch
Britt	Hagerty	Romney
Budd	Hawley	Rubio
Capito	Hoeben	Schmitt
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tuberville
Crapo	Lummis	Vance
Cruz	Marshall	Wicker

NOT VOTING—4

Coons	Menendez
Feinstein	Mullin

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 57, the nays are 39.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from New Jersey.

(The remarks of Mr. BOOKER pertaining to the introduction of S. 1658 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. BOOKER. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I want to express how deeply concerned I am about the senior Senator from Alabama's blockade of senior military promotions, which threatens to leave hundreds of nonpolitical, routine military positions unfilled, all because he wants to repeal the Department of Defense's policy that allows servicemembers to be able to seek and travel for reproductive care.

This is a move that risks our national security in order to rob our servicemembers of their ability to make their own family planning decisions, servicemembers who, frankly, are sacrificing so much to keep our country safe.

So failure—failure—to fill these positions poses a risk to our Nation's military readiness and our ability to ensure that these critical roles are filled with the personnel that we need.

Don't just take my word for it. Seven—seven—former Secretaries of Defense from both Democratic and Republican administrations have voiced their concern and opposition to these holds.

Secretary Austin and General Milley have also repeatedly stated that these delays pose a clear risk—a clear risk—to America's military readiness.

In a moment, I will be asking the Senate to confirm by unanimous consent Calendar No. 110. Included in this batch of 23 routine military promotions is the current vice commander of the Air Force Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base. This is the home of our Air Force fighter pilots right in Nevada, where America's air combat tactics are developed, where they are refined, and where they are perfected to ensure that we keep pace with current and emerging threats.

Training and instruction take place right at the Nevada Test and Training Range, which provides the largest air and ground military training space in the continental United States for testing and evaluation of weapons systems and advanced air combat training.

Because of one Senator's anti-choice blockade, the vice commander of the Air Force Warfare Center in my great State of Nevada, which oversees more than 13,000 military and civilian personnel, is unable to receive the promotion and the pay increase that he deserves. He is unable to transition to his next duty assignment, and his replacement is unable to assume their duties and move their family to Las Vegas.

This hurts military families. This hurts Nevada. This hurts the United States of America.

We will also experience several high-ranking vacancies that are going to be left open because of this senseless blockade, including Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the top leaders of the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy, and even the commander of U.S. Cyber Command.

We have a responsibility to keep our Nation safe, to protect our homeland and our troops all around the world. That begins by making sure that we have the appropriate professionals in top positions to lead our servicemembers. Nothing—I repeat, nothing—could be more important than that.

I strongly urge my colleagues to stop playing politics. I strongly urge them to end this anti-choice blockade so that we can fill critical military positions like those in my home State of Nevada and around the world. We cannot waste any more time.

So, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 110; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action

or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, this is the sixth or seventh time that I have come to the floor to stop my colleagues on the left from cramming these nominations down our throat, but I will come to the floor as many times as possible.

We have spent almost 12, 13 hours—or I have—during the last few weeks with these UCs. Last night, we were here debating this for about 2 hours. That is fine. That is what we are supposed to do in the Senate. We are supposed to debate, and I am not against that, but we also could have spent time voting.

I understand the Senator from Nevada has someone she wants promoted. I am fine with that. If she brings it to the floor, Senator SCHUMER brings it to the floor, I will vote for them. I am not here blocking nominees; I am here blocking promotion of all of these nominees at one time.

I would love to vote for her nominee, but Leader SCHUMER is responsible for that. He is responsible for the floor. Bring nominations one at a time, and I will vote for them. I am all for the military. That is one of the reasons I am here. But we have got to use our time better. That is what Senator SCHUMER says. Our time is spent on nominations.

We have been here for about 5 months. We have been on vacation 30 days, and we could have done all of those nominations in that amount of time. It is amazing to me how we don't want to do our job one at a time instead of just doing them all at once.

Senator SCHUMER has said so in a "Dear Colleague" letter this month. He said the Senator from Alabama has got a hold and it doesn't look good for Republicans. I don't know what doesn't look good. I am standing up for the rule of law. What is not a good look is the Democrats coming to the floor and defending—defending—an executive branch that is not doing their job; they are trying to do ours.

I understand the Senator from Nevada is a strong supporter of abortion, and that is good. We all have differences of opinion about that. But even she didn't vote for this. She didn't vote for this memo that Secretary Austin pushed on the military. Nobody voted for it. I am surprised that Democrats in Congress are supportive of the executive branch doing our job, that a lot of people spent a lot of money campaigning and trying to win this position.

Let's do our job. That is all I am asking. Let's do our job. We ought to be voting on every one of these nominees

that I have got these holds on. I am not against voting for them; I am against voting for all of them at one time. It would be a better use of our time if we would come here, vote, and go back to our office like we normally do.

If Democrats were actually concerned about these nominations—and I am going to say it for the hundredth time—if they were actually concerned about our national security and the things that are going on around the world, we would be taking these nominees one at a time—one at a time—and getting them knocked out instead of worrying about coming here and doing this debate, complaining at each other about what is going on, when the executive branch is doing our job and we are not doing ours.

Today, I saw some discussion from Senator SHAHEEN. I saw her talking about it on MSNBC today. Her bill that she is throwing out would simply change the law to make this memo legal. I do not support this legislation, but we ought to take a vote on it. That is what we do here. If she wants to put a bill on the floor, let's take a vote on it. If the House and the Senate pass it and Joe Biden signs it, then it is in the law, but if the bill fails, then Congress has spoken. So if Senator SHAHEEN's bill fails, Secretary Austin then should accept the consequences and the sense of Congress, follow the law, and suspend the policy.

So if Democrats want me to drop my holds, then the answer is very simple. I have laid out two conditions for me to end the holds: Either follow the law or change the law. I will drop my holds as soon as Secretary Austin suspends the memo. The burden is not on me to undo the policy, this illegal policy; the burden is on the Biden administration to follow the law.

Democrats have mentioned that we have some very important nominees coming up, and we do. That includes the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I agree—very much agree—that this is a very important, very important situation where we need a new Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman. But we need to vote on some of these nominees anyway. These roles are too important to just put everybody in one group and send them here and nobody knows who they are and just run them through.

I will have more to say on that later, but, to this point, I hope I have been clear. I have laid out the conditions for my holds and when I will drop my holds. These conditions have not been met, and I will not drop this hold until they are met.

So, Mr. President, that is the reason I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. I thank the Presiding Officer so much for saying "Nevada" properly. I urge the rest of my colleagues to learn the proper pronunciation for our great State of Nevada.

With that, I am going to respond to the objection by my esteemed colleague Senator TUBERVILLE.

The senior Senator from Alabama is preventing this body from confirming dozens of key promotions. We do know who these military promotions are. They have been serving proudly and with distinction in our military. They are not unknown to us. They deserve their promotions.

The Senator is threatening our military readiness and our national security, and we can confirm these nominations right now if the Senator ends his blockade. Every day—every day—these holds persist, every day the Senator persists, he risks the U.S. national security and he risks our military readiness. Because we lack officials in key posts across the military at this critical time, we know we need to do this en bloc. It is what we have been doing.

These men and women, serving proudly, are ready for their promotions, ready to take their next duty step.

I just want to make one point before I go. Make no mistake, our adversaries—they are watching this very closely. Russia, China, Iran, and others—they understand how this hurts our military, and they will look and find a way to take advantage of this.

So I am deeply disappointed that the Senator is continuing to object. We hope he will reconsider.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I come here today to talk about Police Week, but before I do—I had the opportunity to listen to my colleague from Nevada push an important point here, and it is not lost on me and the general public watching this, thinking how crazy this argument is, at the end of the day. I just heard my good colleague Senator TUBERVILLE basically say he is not opposed—he actually would vote for the individual Senator ROSEN just said she was asking him to support, their promotion. He said he would do it.

The only thing that is holding him up is that, instead of what we have traditionally done in this body through unanimous consent for promotions for the men and women in our military, which is a procedure we do all the time, he is forcing it to go to a floor vote. It makes no sense. It makes no sense to me. It makes no sense to the American public who are watching this and clearly is an abuse of the use of the powers we have as Senators in this body.

So I just have to point that out because this is what we are dealing with, unfortunately, at times when the American public just wants us to work together to move forward. The men and women in the military seeking promotions—that is what this is about, and we should be supporting them because they are the ones standing guard, protecting us and our national security.

So I just have to point that out, that the craziness sometimes in this body I see is just nonsensical.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. President, let me talk about another thing that is so important that is happening this week and across the country but particularly here in Washington, DC: Police Week.

The American public watching this, if you have not been to the police memorial in Judiciary Square, you should because every single law enforcement agency in this country is recognized, unfortunately, at this memorial by a death, and it is the only way we as the American public can stand up and say: We see you, we hear you, and we know you are standing guard, and we care, and we want to show respect not only for you, who made the ultimate sacrifice, but for your family and your friends and everyone else to have the ability to come together to recognize the men and women who serve in our military and make that ultimate sacrifice.

As we go about our daily lives, our police officers are the ones protecting us and our families. They know that their job puts their lives in danger. Their families know that, every day when their loved one leaves for work, they may not come home. It is a sacrifice for the individual getting up and leaving that house, and it is a sacrifice for the loved ones who watch that individual leave.

Why do I know that? Because I am married—25 years—to a Federal law enforcement officer, now retired. I remember in the middle of the night when he was on call and he got that call, his boots by the side of the bed, and he slips his feet into them and walks out that door. Every spouse, every loved one who sees them leave has always in the back of their mind: Are they going to come home?

So this is important, that we recognize the men and women who are representing and protecting our communities every single day.

I am honored to have worked with Nevada's police officers throughout my career. I have worked with police departments across my State to crack down on crime, to prosecute offenders, and to keep Nevadans safe. Not only have I worked in my State as a prosecutor, but I have worked here in the District of Columbia in the U.S. Attorney's Office as a prosecutor.

I have witnessed the hard work and dedication of our police officers firsthand, whether you are a State police officer, a local city or county police officer, or a Federal officer. I have worked alongside them. I know what they do day in and day out, and that is why my role in the Senate will always be to fight for our law enforcement.

It has been my priority to listen to the needs of police departments throughout Nevada, both big and small, and throughout our Federal law enforcement Agencies to ensure that I am doing everything I can to get them

what they need to protect our communities, and that includes securing funding for more resources for improved technology and, yes, better training for our officers.

(Ms. ROSEN assumed the Chair.)

Last year, alongside Senator GRASSLEY, I was proud to make sure that Congress passed the biggest increase in Byrne JAG grant funding in the last 10 years.

To help put an end to tragic law enforcement suicides, I introduced and passed legislation to increase data collection on suicide and support peer counseling programs that can improve police officers' mental health.

While these investments are so crucial to ensuring our officers are prepared for the job, far too many smaller police departments just can't compete with their larger counterparts for resources. I know this. I know this from our law enforcement agencies in my rural community in Nevada. The Presiding Officer knows this as well. Our law enforcement communities in our rural areas, which are much smaller, have to really fight for resources that they need. Over 90 percent of police departments nationally, including several in Nevada, have fewer than 200 full-time officers.

That is why I have worked with Senator GRASSLEY to introduce the Invest to Protect Act. This legislation would set aside grant funding specifically for smaller local police departments, including our Tribal law enforcement, to ensure they can access the resources they need to keep our families safe.

Police officers in Northern and Southern Nevada have told me about how hard it is to do their jobs when they are short on personnel. They are stretched too thin, and that makes it harder for them to protect our communities and their own lives. The Invest to Protect Act will help these police departments with recruitment and retention so they have enough officers to serve their communities. These are important jobs that make good careers in public service.

So in honor of Police Week and the sacrifices our officers have made to protect us, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me and Senator GRASSLEY in supporting the Invest to Protect Act.

With that, Madam President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). The Senator from Nevada.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Ms. ROSEN. Madam President, this week marks National Police Week, a time to recognize and honor the courageous work of men and women who keep our communities safe. These heroes put their lives on the line to protect our communities.

And I want to give special thanks to law enforcement officers across Nevada who serve every day with honor and integrity. And I want Nevada police officers to know: I have your back. We