

with Senators on both sides, including Senators BROWN and VANCE, the two lead sponsors, as well as CASEY and FETTERMAN, also sponsors, to bring the Railway Safety Act for a vote soon.

I will likewise work with my colleagues on efforts to make prescription drugs more affordable, including insulin. Last week, the HELP Committee advanced significant drug reforms, and it is my hope this process will continue to move forward in a bipartisan manner and will enable us to lower the cost of prescription drugs, particularly insulin.

This work period, I joined with colleagues and committee chairs to announce the next steps in the Senate's effort to outcompete the Chinese Government and preserve America's global leadership in the 21st century. Last week, the Commerce Committee marked up bipartisan legislation on the U.S. semiconductor supply chains, and, this week, the Appropriations Committee held a bipartisan hearing on investments to outcompete the Chinese Government. The House Government Affairs Committee also marked up several bills on security and competitiveness. Our committees will continue working on various efforts on this issue during the next work period. Outcompeting the Chinese Government will be one of the great challenges of our generation, and we must be clear-eyed and act accordingly.

So this has been a busy stretch for the Senate on a number of different fronts: more judges, progress with Fire Grants, SAFE Banking, Rail Safety, competing with the Chinese Government, prescription drug reform, and a whole host of important issues.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL CASASCO

Mr. President, now I wish to thank and honor a longtime employee of the Senate Recording Studio who is retiring today after nearly four decades, Paul Casasco.

Paul, for all we know, this is your last day, but you are very diligent. You may be recording this right now. If you are, hi, Paul. We love you.

Paul is the senior audio operator for the Senate Chamber. His tenure dates back to the first days when the Senate proceedings were televised, back in 1986. Paul witnessed the history and literally made history happen by using video to expand public access to the Senate in ways we had never seen before.

From helping install the cameras here in this Chamber to operating nearly every piece of production equipment, to broadcasting everything from floor activity to committee hearings, Paul has played an essential role in broadcasting the work of the Senate to the public. In a very real way, Paul's work has given the American people a front-row seat to the Senate, allowing them to hear every word, every speech, every debate.

So, on behalf of the U.S. Senate, we thank Paul for his many years of service to this Chamber and congratulate

him on a well-earned retirement, and wish him and his family the very best.

TRIBUTE TO LANE BODIAN

Mr. President, one more retirement, one deeply meaningful to me—Lane Bodian, affectionately known as Corporal Bodian. I don't know why that happened, but it did. I have nicknames for a lot of the people I care about on my staff.

Lane has done an amazing, amazing job covering foreign policy for me for over a decade. He is so smart. He is so level-headed. He is so dedicated. When he comes up with ideas, I almost always say: This is exactly the right way to go.

When there is trouble brewing in foreign policy areas, Lane seems to find the best ways to try and solve those problems and ease the tensions that we have seen throughout the world.

In addition to his hard work, to his diligence, to his dedication, and to his deep intelligence and thoughtfulness, he is a nice guy. Everyone loves Lane. He is decent. He is smart. He is caring.

Lane, I know you are going on to bigger and better things. Many on my staff do after long tenures, I am happy to say. This one, I think, is 11 years or 12 years. We wish you the best. But you will always, always, always be a dear friend to the Schumer family and a member of the greater Schumer family, our staff. We stick together. We watch each other. We care for each other long after people leave, and you are going to long be part of it. So, Lane, Godspeed. You are the greatest.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN219 AIR FORCE nomination of Nathan J. Powell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 26, 2023.

PN552 AIR FORCE nomination of Christine B. Olivares, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN597 AIR FORCE nominations (28) beginning FRANCISCA A. ALAKA LAMPTON, and ending VICTORIA M. WEIGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN598 AIR FORCE nominations (51) beginning BRITNEY M. ALONZO, and ending

JUSTIN MATTHEW WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN600 AIR FORCE nominations (146) beginning MARIA L. ADAMS, and ending MITCHELL H. YUAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN601 AIR FORCE nominations (239) beginning MICHAEL A. ADAMS, II, and ending PHILLIP A. ZENCEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PG639 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning with THOMAS A. BIEDIGER, and ending with RYAN D. NUDI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2023.

IN THE ARMY

PN553 ARMY nomination of Gilberto Deleon, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25 2023.

PN554 ARMY nomination of Bradley M. Mravik, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN555 ARMY nomination of Justin L. Purvis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN556 ARMY nomination of John J. Adams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN610 ARMY nomination of Paul M. Tobin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN611 ARMY nominations (207) beginning JON P. ALEXANDER, and ending ADAM M. ZIHAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN612 ARMY nominations (51) beginning DAVID J. ADAMS, and ending BRIAN H. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN613 ARMY nominations (244) beginning STEFAN E. ADAMCIK, and ending ANDREW D. ZUPFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN616 ARMY nominations (6) beginning TONY B. FEARS, and ending MICHAEL S. SHARP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN640 ARMY nomination of Ryan R. Pommier, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2023.

PN641 ARMY nomination of Sebastian A. Coates, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2023.

PN642 ARMY nomination of James M. Caldwell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2023.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN247 MARINE CORPS nominations (41) beginning RYAN K. ALDRICH, and ending JEFFREY W. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 26, 2023.

PN249 MARINE CORPS nomination of Steven M. Angeline, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record January 26, 2023.

PN557 MARINE CORPS nomination of Bradley B. Keller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN558 MARINE CORPS nomination of Nicholas B. Staiton, which was received by

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN617 MARINE CORPS nomination of Joseph P. Ball, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN618 MARINE CORPS nomination of Mark J. Deal, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

IN THE NAVY

PN352 NAVY nomination of Richard C. Eytel, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2023.

PN479 NAVY nomination of David Wagenborg, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2023.

PN525 NAVY nomination of James O. Samman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN576 NAVY nomination of Charles G. Emond, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN635 NAVY nomination of Cassandra D. Thompson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN636 NAVY nomination of Arron J. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE AMENDMENT ACT

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today as the Senate considers this week the resolution to rescind the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Amendment Act, passed by the DC City Council on January 19, 2023.

As a general matter, I believe that the people of Washington, DC, and their elected representatives should have the autonomy to govern themselves. For years, I have cosponsored and fought to pass the Washington D.C. Admission Act, which would admit the District of Columbia as a state.

I have also long supported funding for the police, as well as reforms, to help ensure that our justice system works for everyone. That includes being the lead sponsor of the COPS Reauthorization Act to provide Federal funding to law enforcement departments across the country to hire and retain police officers. I also support police reform measures focused on holding officers who break the law accountable for misconduct, increasing transparency in police practices, and improving police conduct and training.

The DC City Council's bill included many changes to strengthen accountability measures and improve conduct, including reforms to prevent the use of chokeholds, limit the use of force, and expand the use of de-escalation tactics. The bill also takes steps to prevent officers who have committed serious acts of misconduct or were fired for disciplinary reasons from serving on the DC police force. I support these efforts, which is why I oppose the resolution.

It is also important to note that the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Amendment Act does not include changes to qualified immunity. As Congressman JIM CLYBURN has said, as we work toward common ground on police reform, we cannot "sacrifice good on the altar of perfect" and let disagreements about qualified immunity stand in the way of reform. The men and women in law enforcement who risk their lives every single day must have the confidence to make split-second decisions that can make the difference between life and death. I would not support this measure if changes to qualified immunity were made that put law enforcement officers who act in good faith at risk.

While there are a significant number of critical reforms included in DC's police reform bill, I am not in agreement with the provisions that prevent the unions that represent DC police officers from including disciplinary procedures in their collective bargaining agreements. All other unions that represent public servants in the District of Columbia negotiate for fair disciplinary proceedings, and while police officers serve a unique role that requires oversight, we should not deny police unions the same opportunity. The DC Council should ensure that police officers who break the law are held accountable, but it should not do so by undermining the right of law enforcement to collectively negotiate.

I also think changes could be made to provisions that set a fixed timetable for the release of data related to incidents involving the use of force. Law enforcement, working with City officials, should have some measure of flexibility to determine the appropriate timing for releasing information to protect public safety.

It is my hope that DC government officials will address these issues as they continue to work with law enforcement and other interested parties to make needed reforms to their justice system.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, today I would like to applaud the Senate's passage of S. Res. 203, a resolution recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month. This resolution is an important reminder of the numerous contributions of Jewish Americans to our society.

I have long felt connected to the Jewish values of "tzedakah" and "chesed,"

values that, at their core, speak about justice, decency, kindness, and mercy. I would not be where I am today if it were not for the Jewish Americans who embodied these values, people like Rabbi Heschel, who marched side-by-side with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and demanded equality and justice, or leaders like Rabbi Joachim Prinz, who fled Berlin in 1937, moved to Newark, NJ, and was one of five people who spoke before Dr. King at the March on Washington. Rabbi Prinz's entire speech was focused on helping people understand that one of the most urgent challenges we face in society is silence, silence in the face of injustice. Because of the leadership of so many Jewish Americans, who refused to be silent and decided to act, we were able to move the moral arc of this Nation towards justice.

So I stand here in the Senate incredibly proud to represent vibrant Jewish communities across New Jersey. And I stand here, at a time when anti-Semitism is on the rise, to speak out against this hate that violates our most commonly held values. We all have a responsibility to stamp out anti-Semitism and remind ourselves that our diversity strengthens the society and culture of the United States.

S. Res. 203 does just that by honoring and celebrating the incredible history of the Jewish people in the United States and their contributions to our country, and I strongly support this resolution's passage.

TRIBUTE TO THE COVENANT SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE FIRST RESPONDERS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, this National Police Week, along with my colleague Senator HAGERTY, I would like to honor the unbelievably courageous officers of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.

On March 27, a depraved individual attacked the Covenant School in Nashville, TN, and took the lives of 9-year-old Evelyn Dieckhaus, 9-year-old Hallie Scruggs, 9-year-old William Kinney, substitute teacher Cynthia Peak, custodian Mike Hill, and Dr. Katherine Koonce. Just minutes after receiving the emergency call, a group of dedicated officers arrived on the scene and immediately rushed toward the danger. Their unflinching courage and decisive action under fire allowed them to eliminate the threat against this gentle community just minutes after it began and saved countless lives.

Violence against children and their caretakers is an act of unspeakable evil that strikes at the heart of our purpose as parents, grandparents, neighbors, brothers and sisters in Christ, and community protectors. But even in the face of such tremendous loss, Nashvillians find comfort in the knowledge that uncommonly brave men and women have dedicated their lives to protecting us from harm. On behalf of all Tennesseans, I thank Officer Rex Engelbert, Detective Mike