

It is a sad moment in America that we are debating these things and debating whether or not to rely on sound medical judgment. In the end, that is the only thing we can count on.

I am glad that we had the hearing today, and I am glad that we gathered on the floor to make a record out of what is happening in our great Nation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. 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, Navy, and Space Force; 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. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN503 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning ANDREW K. BERKEY, and ending BRANDON WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN504 AIR FORCE nomination of Jacquelyn P. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN596 AIR FORCE nominations (16) beginning DAVID B. BARKER, and ending JOCELYN M. WHALEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN653 AIR FORCE nomination of Daniel J. Wittmer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN654 AIR FORCE nomination of Marina F. Perez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN692 AIR FORCE nominations (265) beginning STEPHEN DAVID ALBERT, and ending JAMIE TAYLOR ZIMMERMANN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN693 AIR FORCE nominations (135) beginning ROBERT D. ALLEN, and ending NICOLAS H. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN694 AIR FORCE nominations (600) beginning CHRISTOPHER K. ADAMS, and ending RAYMOND P. ZHANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN695 AIR FORCE nominations (74) beginning NICHOLAS F. ALIOTTA, and ending JASON J. ZUMMO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN697 AIR FORCE nominations (52) beginning ANDREW D. AHN, and ending

OYUNCHIMEG YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN698 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning SARAH E. ABEL, and ending MICHELLE E. WYCHE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN699 AIR FORCE nominations (20) beginning MICHAEL J. ALFARO, and ending SARA M. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN700 AIR FORCE nomination of Candice L. Pipes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN701 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning MICHAEL A. GROWDEN, and ending HSIENLIANG R. TSENG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN745 AIR FORCE nomination of Craig A. Ambrose, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN746 AIR FORCE nomination of Bibek Joshi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN747 AIR FORCE nomination of Adrian K. Williford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN748 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning DANIEL D. COLE, and ending EDWARD F. LEONARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

IN THE ARMY

PN472 ARMY nominations (90) beginning KYLE D. AEMISEGGER, an ending DOI7212, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2023.

PN473 ARMY nominations (19) beginning AILEEN R. CABANADALOGAN, and ending JOHN F. UNDERWOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2023.

PN515 ARMY nominations (136) beginning HARRY T. AUBIN, and ending D016621, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN516 ARMY nominations (29) beginning JOSHUA A. AKERS, and ending SHENICE L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN517 ARMY nomination (301) beginning ALEXANDRA M. ADAMS, and ending D016620, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN518 ARMY nominations (61) beginning ANDREA C. BAEDER, and ending PETERS. YOON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 17, 2023.

PN602 ARMY nominations (76) beginning HEATHER R. ALSUPMORTON, and ending JUDITH L. ZELAYA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN603 ARMY nominations (122) beginning BOMA O. AFIESIMAMA, and ending D016999, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN604 ARMY nominations (31) beginning JAMIE D. BELL, and ending JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN605 ARMY nominations (13) beginning RACHEL A. ACCIACCA, and ending LAURA

E. RIDDLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN606 ARMY nominations (33) beginning JAMILIA M. ADAMSHENDERSON, and ending JOHN E. WILSON, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN607 ARMY nominations (44) beginning COREBRIANS A. ABRAHAM, and ending CHRISTOPHER R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN608 ARMY nominations (10) beginning AARON CROMBIE, and ending LARRY A. WYATT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN609 ARMY nominations (7) beginning CHARLES E. BANE, and ending THOMAS R. TUCKER, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN643 ARMY nomination of Thomas A. Summers, which was received by the Congressional Record of May 9, 2023.

PN655 ARMY nomination of Nicholas J. Norton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN656 ARMY nomination of Artrees R. Adams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN657 ARMY nomination of Warren N. Washington, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN658 ARMY nomination of Jacob W. Cavender, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN659 ARMY nomination of Justin M. Fowler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN660 ARMY nomination of Jason P. Pancoe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN661 ARMY nomination of Benjamin F. Iverson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN702 ARMY nomination of Mark G. Kappelmann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN703 ARMY nomination of Leah H. Georgieva, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN704 ARMY nomination of Nicholas R. Yetman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN705 ARMY nomination of Kevin L. Montgomery, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN706 ARMY nominations (9) beginning DAVID J. BEDELIS, and ending MICHAEL D. ZULTAK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN707 ARMY nominations (3) beginning MOLLY E. KEITH, and ending DALLAS D. MCMULLEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN749 ARMY nominations (14) beginning STEVEN D. BRYANT, and ending D011339, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN750 ARMY nomination of Joseph A. St Pierre, II, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN751 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JEFFREY BANKS, and ending JEFFREY R. WEINSTEIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN752 ARMY nomination of Isaac A. Gutierrez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN753 ARMY nomination of Rick J. Mata, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN754 ARMY nomination of D016094, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN662 MARINE CORPS nomination of Dustin R. Kosar, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN709 MARINE CORPS nomination of Steven E. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

IN THE NAVY

PN559 NAVY nominations (206) beginning BRYCE D. ABBOTT, and ending MATTHEW A. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN560 NAVY nominations (13) beginning EDWARD A. CARLTON, and ending GENEVIEVE G. UBINA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN561 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ANDREA H. CAMERON, and ending WARREN W. TOMLINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN562 NAVY nominations (14) beginning MYLENE R. ARVIZO, and ending ASHLEY S. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN563 NAVY nominations (10) beginning SARAH E. ABBOTT, and ending JOHN A. WALSH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN564 NAVY nominations (4) beginning CURTIS BROWN, and ending GARY M. SHELLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN565 NAVY nominations (3) beginning MARK K. CORBLISS and ending ANTOINE D. THORNTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN566 NAVY nominations (18) beginning HANNAH L. BEALON, and ending STANLEY C. WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN567 NAVY nominations (14) beginning CAMERON M. BALMA, and ending MELINDA K. SCHRIVER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN568 NAVY nominations (2) beginning ALAN M. BRECHBILL, and ending DAVID J. TEBBE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN569 NAVY nominations (4) beginning ROSS M. ANDERSON, and ending ROGER D. HORNE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN570 NAVY nominations (4) beginning HOMER F. HENSY, and ending GREGORY F. NOTARO, which nominations were received

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

PN571 NAVY nominations (5) beginning TOMMIE G. CRAWFORD, and ending SHANNON P. THOMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN572 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JOHN E. FAGE, and ending REBECCA L. REBARICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN573 NAVY nominations (10) beginning GAVIN H. CLOUGH, and ending MATTHEW G. ZUBLIC, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN574 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JENNIFER J. LANDRY, and ending JONATHAN A. SAVAGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN575 NAVY nominations (14) beginning BRADLEY H. ABRAMOWITZ, and ending CHELSEY L. ZWICKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2023.

PN619 NAVY nominations (63) beginning ERIC J. ADLER, and ending MATTHEW A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN620 NAVY nominations (22) beginning LUCAS R. ARGOBRIGHT, and ending SARAH E. TURSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN621 NAVY nomination of Patrick C. Lazzaretti, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN622 NAVY nominations (3) beginning ROBERT A. PAYNTER, JR., and ending TODD C. WINN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN623 NAVY nominations (6) beginning STANLEY J. BENES, IV, and ending MICHAEL SULLIVAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN624 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JAMES P. MCDONNELL, and ending JOSEPH E. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN625 NAVY nomination of Donna M. Chuba, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN626 NAVY nomination of Anton B. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN627 NAVY nominations (5) beginning ADAM M. CLAMPITT, and ending GUSTAVO PEREZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN628 NAVY nominations (3) beginning CHRISTOPHER P. COOK, and ending MATTHEW E. HOBBS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN629 NAVY nominations (2) beginning DEMETRIO A. CAMUA, III, and ending ARTHUR C. FONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN630 NAVY nomination of Loren C. Hoelscher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN631 NAVY nominations (3) beginning MATTHEW T. CHATIGNY, and ending KEVIN C. LIEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN632 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JOSHUA C. GETTLE, and ending GERARDO TORRES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN633 NAVY nominations (8) beginning JOHN J. BRIDGES, and ending MARK H. OVERSTREET, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN634 NAVY nomination of Ryan H. Metzler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN663 NAVY nominations (20) beginning DENNIS L. AVERY, and ending BRIAN D. WUESTEWALD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN664 NAVY nominations (10) beginning KHRISTIANNOE C. CAINDOY, and ending DIMITRY P. VINCENT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN665 NAVY nominations (3) beginning MATTHEW D. GLEASON, and ending EMILY Y. ROYSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN666 NAVY nomination of Jacob S. Tharp, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 2023.

PN710 NAVY nominations (30) beginning CHRISTOPHER BARNES, and ending CHADWICK Y. YASUDA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN711 NAVY nominations (65) beginning KENRIC T. ABAN, and ending JEFFREY C. WORTHLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN712 NAVY nominations (20) beginning MICHAEL R. ANDERSEN, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN713 NAVY nominations (11) beginning DOMINIC J. ANTENUCCI, and ending CHRISTOPHER C. SWAIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN714 NAVY nominations (550) beginning WILLIAM H. ABBITT, and ending THOMAS W. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN715 NAVY nominations (38) beginning JOSHUA M. ANDERSON, and ending ALEXANDER G. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN716 NAVY nominations (25) beginning DAVID L. AGUILAR, and ending DANIEL J. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN717 NAVY nominations (8) beginning SEAN A. BROPHY, and ending JESUS A. URANGA, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN718 NAVY nominations (16) beginning FRANCIS G. COYLE, and ending DANIEL A. TANTILLO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN719 NAVY nominations (14) beginning REBECCA L. ANDERSON, and ending JOHN L. VINCENT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN720 NAVY nominations (23) beginning NICK AVILA, and ending MICHAEL P. WOLCHKO, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN721 NAVY nominations (11) beginning MICHAEL K. BEALL, and ending ALANNA B. YOUNGBLOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN722 NAVY nominations (2) beginning FORREST N. BUSH and ending NATHAN J. RICHARDSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN723 NAVY nominations (48) beginning SCOTT B. AARON, and ending CLINTON M. WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN724 NAVY nominations (32) JESSICA L. ALEXANDER, and ending CRYSTAL R. WARRENE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN725 NAVY nominations (46) beginning SUZANNE T. ALFORD, and ending ERIC R. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN726 NAVY nominations (14) beginning NICHOLAS D. CHIUDIONI, and ending JULIAN G. WILSON, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN727 NAVY nominations (16) beginning MARVIN E. BARTHOLOMEW, and ending KIRTLEY N. YEISER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN728 NAVY nominations (13) beginning QUENTIN ALBEA, and ending EDWARD E. WEEKLEY, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN729 NAVY nominations (15) beginning PAUL M. ALLEN, and ending THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN730 NAVY nominations (9) beginning SCOTT P. ADER, and ending PHILIP R. SAULNIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN731 NAVY nomination of Erika M. Meszaros, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN732 NAVY nominations (36) beginning MARY R. ANKER, and ending BRANDON K. WOLF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN733 NAVY nominations (12) beginning DAVID W. ALEXANDER, and ending JOHN C. VANDYKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN734 NAVY nominations (11) beginning CHRISTOPHER S. CASNE, and ending JUSTIN D. SPINKS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN735 NAVY nominations (28) beginning KEVIN L. BORKERT, and ending BLAKE A. WHITTLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN755 NAVY nominations (11) beginning THEODORE G. CAVOORES, JR., and ending CHRISTY L. ROUSSEAU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN756 NAVY nominations (7) beginning ANDREW E. CARMICHAEL, and ending DAVID N. STOCK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN757 NAVY nominations (7) beginning KRISTEN M. BETAK, and ending SUZANNE J. WOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN758 NAVY no which nominations (4) beginning SARAH E. DAVIS, and ending JEFFREY J. ROCKWOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN759 NAVY nominations (28) beginning BRYAN T. ALVAREZ, and ending JENNIFER J. VOGT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN760 NAVY nominations (8) beginning RODNEY M. BONNER, and ending CHARLES C. THOMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN761 NAVY nomination of Julie K. Moss, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN762 NAVY nominations (5) beginning LUIS E. ALDERMAN, II, and ending MELINDA S.L. ZALMA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN763 NAVY nominations (6) beginning TIMOTHY W. GLEASON, and ending CORY A. WOODS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN764 SPACE FORCE nomination of Robin J. Glebes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN765 SPACE FORCE nominations (3) beginning LISA T. GREEN, and ending KEITH D. VAN DYCK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

PN766 SPACE FORCE nominations (36) beginning PHOENIX L. HAUSER, and ending DUSTIN L. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 6, 2023.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

EATS ACT OF 2023

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the recent Supreme Court ruling in favor of the California law that is called Proposition 12, affecting the pork industry, has sent shock waves through the entire agricultural industry. Particularly hard-hit by the news is my State of Iowa, which is No. 1 in pork and No. 1 in eggs; and another proposition California law affects the selling of eggs in California.

California is 15 percent of the national market for pork, so you can see what California is doing can have a big impact on the pork industry in the other 49 States.

If California can regulate pork producers out of business through costly and unrealistic regulation, which food will be next? What segment of agriculture will be negatively affected next?

Consumers should be waking up to the reality of activist policies coming from folks on the left who want to put the kibosh on animal agriculture.

California's law is based on arbitrary and prescriptive standards that lack any scientific, technical, or agricultural basis. It also jeopardizes sow safety. And for you city slickers, "sow" is the word we use for mother pigs.

The cost to implement Proposition 12 has been measured to be approximately \$3,500 per sow—a cost that farmers would need to pass on to the consumer.

This additional cost will threaten the independent pork producers in rural

Iowa and run them out of business due to burdensome regulations.

I am not only speaking for Iowa pork producers, even though we are No. 1 in pork production. This is affecting pork producers in the other 49 States. The result of this law will be significant on Iowa's independent pork producers.

We all know people will continue to eat pork chops, ham, and bacon, but this will only lead to further consolidation so that you will only have three or four companies controlling the entire supply of pork for our country.

The future of the independent pork production is at stake, and I do not want to sit idly by as pork producers across Iowa go out of business. So this Monday, our national holiday, when the Senate wasn't in session, I met with 40 pork producers in Palo Alto county. Hearing from Iowans firsthand on this issue was especially impactful.

Iowa producers who have raised hogs for more than 50 years told me that they have never been so worried. How will rural agriculture fight against the special interests and big money of the coasts is a question I was asked. How can farmers afford to remain compliant with nonsense policies written by someone who has never been on a hog farm?

There has to be a legislative solution to what California is negatively doing to pork producers in the other 49 States, so Senator MARSHALL, Senator ERNST, and I have been working on a solution. The EATS Act—E-A-T-S, that is an acronym for a piece of legislation preventing States from impeding ag trade from other States within the United States, under the constitutional power of Congress, to regulate interstate foreign commerce. Our legislation is an example of Congress regulating interstate commerce.

In the court's majority decision, it was a five-to-four decision—an odd combination of liberals and conservatives on the Supreme Court saying that California did the right thing and an odd combination of liberals and conservatives who said that California didn't have the power to do what they did under our Constitution. But in this majority opinion, Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote that Congress has the power to regulate commerce but has yet to enact legislation to displace Proposition 12.

I read Justice Gorsuch saying to the Congress of the United States—the courts are kind of saying to themselves something like this: Why should we say that California has acted unconstitutionally when Congress has the power to regulate interstate and foreign commerce and they have not done it?

So this is the reason for this bill. This bill would put an end to California's war on breakfast and override the coastal State's overreach into the heartland's breadbasket.