

worked so quickly to coordinate emergency response efforts, and everyone who helped those in danger, from evacuating families to conducting boat and helicopter rescues, to all of the volunteers who chipped in for the recovery effort.

We are all relieved that those fires are now under control, thanks to the heroic efforts of so many firefighters, but communities in Eastern Washington have a long way to go on the road to recovery. So I will absolutely be staying in close touch with folks in my State and on the frontlines and making sure that our families and communities have the support they need to get through this.

I am also going to continue to push to bolster our national efforts to prevent and mitigate and respond to wildfires and other extreme weather events, and that has to include more action on climate change because it is painfully clear—and it has been for a while now—that the climate crisis continues to make wildfires like this more common and more severe.

Beyond the recent fires in Eastern Washington, my State has seen devastating fires in the Sourdough fire in the North Cascades; fires on our Olympic Peninsula, on Tribal lands, in the Columbia River Gorge; and we have seen high risks for catastrophic fires in literally every corner of my State.

Over the last few years, Washington State has seen drier and hotter summers, which means longer and more dangerous fire seasons. And we are not alone. My heart breaks for the communities in Hawaii where the Presiding Officer has seen the impact firsthand. They were hit hard by devastating, unprecedented wildfires last month and are still suffering from that damage.

We have to do more to address the climate crisis that is driving increasingly severe disasters. And on another important note, we absolutely must provide more resources for the critical work being done by FEMA and our Federal wildland firefighters to respond to fires across the country.

FEMA's disaster relief fund is running dry. The Agency has already been forced to begin prioritizing immediate response efforts over longer term recovery projects. So it is absolutely essential that we deliver the additional resources FEMA needs as soon as possible because leaving behind communities struck by disaster is simply not an option.

And we absolutely cannot let Federal inaction result in a salary cut for Federal wildland firefighters at the end of this month. After all they do for our communities, the last thing our firefighters need is to see their pay slashed.

I know there is bipartisan support for providing the resources FEMA desperately needs in making sure wildland firefighters do not face a pay cut. I am talking with colleagues on both sides of the aisle about how we can make sure we get this done by the end of the month.

But as the Presiding Officer knows, people are hurting right now. But they are also coming together to support survivors and gather donations and rebuild our communities. We need Congress to come together as well so we can tackle the climate crisis, support our wildland firefighters, continue to build on our investments in wildfire prevention and mitigation in a big way, and make sure FEMA has the resources it needs to help our communities.

As the Presiding Officer well knows, when there is a fire, you don't ask what someone's politics are; you grab a bucket and go to work. That is what we need to do.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, before talking about some good news, I think, for so many of us across the country, I want to just thank Senator MURRAY for all of her leadership in the devastation she is describing in Washington State. I know that our Presiding Officer, with what is happening in Maui—the people of Hawaii are so fortunate to have you and Senator HIRONO, who are out every day describing what needs to happen and pushing hard to make it happen.

We have a lot of issues that are really important, a lot of devastation, a lot of extreme weather events; and we certainly understand that the climate crisis is adding to all of what we are seeing right now and the devastation. And it is critical—it is critical—that we keep focused on that.

THE ECONOMY

Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to talk about what is going right. We have a lot of challenges to work on. At the same time, I am really excited about the fact that we are seeing evidence of the right policies, the right funding, that are actually creating jobs in my home State of Michigan and across the country.

All across our country, manufacturing facilities are opening. We are seeing a lot of those in Michigan. I have always said we don't have an economy unless somebody makes something and somebody grows something. That is what we do in Michigan. That is what we have traditionally done in America; but we have lost, over decades, so many of those jobs going overseas for a number of reasons.

Now we are bringing them back, and that is exciting to see. Last month, 187,000 jobs were created just in August, 13.5 million jobs since President Biden has taken office. This is good news. Over 800,000 of those are in manufacturing. In fact, we are witnessing a rebirth of American manufacturing, and this is part of how we are going to also tackle the climate crisis, with the clean energy efforts and the new opportunities for us in good-paying jobs that also address clean energy.

Unemployment has been under 4 percent for 19 months in a row. I am not

sure when else I could have stood on the floor to say, 19 months in a row, unemployment under 4 percent, the longest stretch in over 50 years. We are seeing the lowest unemployment rate for American women in 70 years; and as a caveat, I would say that if we addressed childcare costs, unemployment would be even lower for women who want and need to work in the workplace. And the highest share of Americans aged 25 to 54 are now in the workforce. It is the highest share since May of 2002—quite a while ago.

So wages are up, and costs for the things people need continue to go down. We have got more work to do. I am not saying we are done by any stretch of the imagination, but things are moving in the right direction.

And, certainly, in lowering costs, I am so proud of what we have done regarding prescription drugs: a \$35 cap on insulin for seniors and others on Medicare, \$35 a month—not \$600, not \$800, not \$1,000, like many people have experienced, but \$35. And we are seeing a cap on overall out-of-pocket costs for seniors. In another year, next January, it goes down to a \$3,200 cap altogether; and then, after that, \$2,000 for everything—not the \$14,000 that is the average right now in America but a \$2,000 cap for a year of prescriptions—huge difference; huge, huge difference.

And I have to say, I am proud of the fact that we have taken on one of the most powerful special interests in our country, Big Pharma—pharmaceutical companies—and made sure that we are lowering prices for people in our country. There is more to do. It is disappointing for me to say that not one of our Republican colleagues joined us in that effort. Not one. But we are continuing to push forward and lower costs.

I would also say none of this is by accident. It is a very different way of viewing the economy and what is good for Americans. Democrats are growing our economy from the middle out, the bottom up, not the top down. It is the opposite of trickle-down economics that, for decades, we have been hearing that if we only give it to the top—wait, wait, wait—it will trickle down. People in Michigan are still waiting for that to trickle down.

We are doing something different. We are aiming at the middle class of our country, making smart investments in America, bringing jobs home from overseas. We are empowering workers with higher wages and better training, more support for unions that can do collective bargaining, that can make workplaces safer, and raise wages as well.

And it is so interesting to see that job satisfaction surveys are saying they are at the highest ever recorded. Right now, we are enjoying one of the strongest job-creating periods in the history of our country—not by accident. It is a different view.

For our friends on the other side of the aisle, basically, if the economy is

up, we need a tax cut; if the economy is down, we need a tax cut. Whichever problem there is, a tax cut for the wealthy will solve it. It has not worked, and what we are saying is: No, why don't we actually directly address the costs that families are feeling, take on the special interests and bring those costs down and invest in the opportunity to rebuild America, create a manufacturing renaissance, bring jobs home. That is what is happening right now.

It is a lot of hard work, and certainly we are not done, but I am excited that we are moving in the direction that we are with 13.5 million new jobs coming out of a worldwide pandemic, 13.5 million new jobs since President Biden took office.

That is why it is so incredibly important that we work together, Democrats and Republicans, to keep our government running, to keep our government open. As a reminder, government funding runs out on September 30. That is not very far away.

I am so proud of the bipartisan work in the Senate, the effort to put all 12 appropriations bills out of committee, most of them unanimous, very few with a single "no" vote.

I have to give a particular shout-out to Senator MURRAY and Senator COLLINS. You know, again, not by accident, I would say this is the first time we had two women leading that effort—just saying—and it is on time and on budget. So I am very proud of their leadership and their work.

But what is so worrisome is what the House Republicans are doing. Well, actually, they are not doing anything this week because they are still in recess. But when they get back, keeping the government open is not on their to-do list, and that is really terrible news for American families.

In fairness, I am not sure Speaker MCCARTHY wants the government to shut down. In fact, he and President Biden shook hands and made a commitment to move our country forward with agreed-upon spending levels, which we in the Senate, on a bipartisan basis, are abiding by. But while Speaker MCCARTHY is Speaker, it is the fringe of his caucus that seems to be doing all of the talking. They are making all sorts of ridiculous and radical demands that will go nowhere in the Senate and certainly are not things the American people want to have happen.

Meanwhile, we know what will happen if these extremists win and the government shuts down. It will take us in the exact opposite direction of the good news I have been talking about today. Seniors will worry about receiving the services they depend on. Members of our military, who put their lives on the line to defend our country, will go without pay. Millions of hard-working public employees will worry about paying their bills and providing for their families. Small businesses may struggle to get loans or help with redtape and other issues. Food safety

and rail safety inspections will happen less frequently, making us all less safe. Air travel may go from a hassle to a nightmare. Michigan families who are getting away for one last weekend while the weather is still nice will find that the national park they plan to attend is closed down.

Beyond the individual pain—and I could go on and on and on about what this means for individuals, for Americans—but beyond the pain that would cause, the cost of the government shutting down is enormous. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the last time the government shut down, it cost our economy \$11 billion.

Now, I have to tell you, I am in the middle, as the chair of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, of negotiating the farm bill, and I think my ranking member, Senator ROSEN, would join me in saying that \$11 billion we could lose in the economy we sure could use to invest in our farmers in rural America to be able to get this done.

A Republican government shutdown will completely undermine our government's and our country's progress. We are moving. We are out of the pandemic. We are moving forward. We are creating jobs. We are creating new opportunities. We are moving in the right direction. And this will completely undermine it. You have to wonder if that is exactly what those folks are aiming to do, actually.

It is time to come together on a bipartisan basis like we are doing in the Senate. Keep our government open, and build on the progress we have already made.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I find it ironic that we are talking about government shutdowns when it is as a result of Senator SCHUMER's handling of this matter that we find ourselves here 2 weeks before the end of the fiscal year without having a chance to vote on appropriations bills. This is by design. This is not a bug. This is a feature of his strategy.

These bipartisan appropriations bills were passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee weeks ago, and then Senator SCHUMER put the Senate in a 40-day recess during the month of August. Now, with the clock ticking, September 30 just right around the corner, we will start with a minibus appropriations bill next week, but we won't be able to finish. We won't be able to reconcile the House and the Senate versions before the end of the fiscal year, so we will be forced to do some form of continuing resolution.

You might ask, why would the majority leader of the Senate sabotage the normal, expected procedure by which the appropriations process should work? Well, one, it maximizes his power because he knows that only a handful of people will ultimately negotiate the final product, and it will

disempower 98 other Members of the U.S. Senate, rank-and-file Members who will not have a chance to debate, vote, and amend various appropriations bills as they come across the floor.

So this is a part of Senator SCHUMER's strategy. His political strategy is to create this crisis and then to blame somebody else—namely, the House of Representatives. And you heard it from our friend from Michigan, the Senator from Michigan. This is all about talking about shutdowns. Well, we tried that before, and we figured out it doesn't really work because when you reopen, the same problems that you found difficult to deal with beforehand are still in front of you.

So we need to do our work here, but we need to do it on a basis where we can actually have an opportunity to shape these appropriations bills and not go through this unnecessary but entirely predictable drama because the majority leader refused to give us an opportunity to put these bills on the floor and to go through them in an orderly and transparent way.

Our national debt is about \$38 trillion. Excuse me, I forgot what the exact number is, but it is at a historic high. One reason that spending is out of control is because of this gamesmanship. So we need to do better.

With the government funding deadline just a few weeks away, the Biden administration has adopted a puzzling messaging strategy.

This week, the White House launched an attack against House Republicans, accusing them of turning a blind eye to the fentanyl crisis. Well, it is tough to peel back the many layers of irony and hypocrisy in that accusation. After all, this administration has been asleep at the wheel for more than 2½ years as fentanyl has continued to pour across our border.

Last year alone, 71,000 Americans died of fentanyl poisoning. We know where it comes from. We know what we need to do to stop it. But the administration has done none of those things to try to save the lives of Americans and now has the temerity—audacity, really—to blame House Republicans for its own failure. How hypocritical is that?

In the last 12 months, Customs and Border Protection has seized nearly 28,000 pounds of fentanyl. I know occasionally you will see it in social media where people will say: Well, good for them; they got it. And I agree—good for them—but that is only a fraction of the fentanyl that has come across the border.

We know—because 1½ million migrants got away from law enforcement, ran away from law enforcement, we will never know what they were carrying on their persons. This fentanyl powder is so powerful that even small amounts that can be contained in a backpack or in some similar carrying case can kill hundreds of thousands of people.

We know from the sad fact that 71,000 Americans died of fentanyl poisoning

last year that, notwithstanding their heroic efforts, Customs and Border Protection is unable to stop all of it. A lethal dose of fentanyl, after all, fits on the tip of the sharpened end of a pencil. So when you consider the fact that Customs and Border Protection has seized nearly 28,000 pounds, it is enough to wipe out the entire U.S. population 20 times over.

I have been in too many sad meetings with too many grieving parents who lost their teenage son or daughter to fentanyl poisoning. One of those fathers gave me this wristband that I still wear that he has handed out to others in memory of his daughter. It says: "One pill can kill."

These kids don't know they are taking this deadly drug. They think they are taking something like a Xanax or Percocet, something relatively innocuous, but, in fact, it is a counterfeit pill contaminated with this poison that kills them.

I am grateful to the brave men and women who work hard to stop these drugs every day. We know they aren't able to interdict all of the contraband that comes across the border, but thanks to President Biden's border strategy—otherwise known as the Biden border crisis—their already-tough job has become even more challenging.

Over the last couple of years, the unprecedented border crisis has affected all of our missions at the southern border, even those that have nothing to do with immigration. Law enforcement has been shifted from the frontlines in order to process the migrants who continue to come in the millions. Instead of stopping dangerous drugs and criminals, many agents are now pushing paper, changing diapers, and arranging for transportation, so they are not able to be on the frontlines to stop this scourge of illegal drugs, including fentanyl.

Of course, no one profits more from the status quo than the drug cartels. With fewer agents on the frontlines, these cartels have a clear and easy path to move fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, and other deadly drugs into the United States.

Our communities are being ravaged by this overdose epidemic, and the Biden administration apparently does not care, because if they did care, they would do something different.

By ignoring the border crisis for more than 2½ years, President Biden has given the cartels a clear and easy pathway to move drugs into the United States. The fact that the White House has decided that the best defense is an offense and to turn around and try to attack House Republicans isn't just dishonest, it is completely incoherent. It is cynical, and it is wrong.

In its memo, the White House cited a Morning Consult poll that found that nearly 60 percent of voters want Congress to make fentanyl trafficking a top priority. This may have surprised the White House, but it isn't news to

anybody else in America who has been keeping track of the fentanyl epidemic.

As I said, the fentanyl epidemic is terrorizing our communities. No one, no community is safe. This doesn't respect how rich you are, how poor you are, the color of your skin, your ethnicity. All of our country is being affected.

Since President Biden took office, he has made every effort to ignore, underplay, or misrepresent what is happening at the border.

Over the last few months, we have seen another effort to try to downplay his failure to meet the challenge at the border. When title 42, for example—the public health title that allowed the Border Patrol to expel people for public health reasons—when it expired, the Biden administration tried to assure the American people that it had a plan to manage the crisis, and there is no reason to worry. And for the first few weeks, we saw a drop in border crossings, and the administration was quick to declare victory. The Department of Homeland Security bragged that the Biden administration border plan was "working as intended."

Well, as I and others pointed out at the time, the dip was likely to be only temporary. There was a lot of uncertainty how cases will be handled in a post-title 42 world, and it made sense that migrants—but even more so the criminal organizations that smuggle these migrants—would take a wait-and-see approach, sort of get the lay of the land before they decide the next method they would use.

And as an added deterrent, the growing summer heat made the journey to and across our border even more dangerous. Either way, it was tough to tell how much things had really changed as a result of the administration's gimmicky accounting.

Earlier this year, the administration stood up a new program that allows migrants from four countries to enter and remain in the United States for up to 2 years and to receive work permits. All they have to do is submit their information online and wait for the administration to give them a green light. Now, this is not a small program. You would think after the 7 million migrants who have crossed our border since President Biden became President, that he would try to tamp down the flow of even more migrants across the border. But this program is open to up to 30,000 individuals a month. That is 360,000 migrants a year.

Until recently, the American people had a pretty good idea about the number of migrants who crossed the border each month. The administration is required to report the number of apprehensions each month, and this data provides a great snapshot of what the facts actually are.

By standing up a new program, the administration effectively opened an additional loophole that allows it to hide the true scale of this crisis. They just basically quit counting some peo-

ple. They said: Well, we are creating a program where 30,000 people a month can come across under this program so we are going to cut them from the total so that makes us look like we are doing better.

We do not know the full extent of the administration's programmatic use of parole to hide the effects of their immigration nonenforcement policies. What that means is even if people do not claim asylum when they come to the border, the Biden administration is simply waving them through, granting what is known in immigration law as parole—not based on individual circumstance but by the hundreds and thousands. They simply are refusing to enforce the immigration laws that Congress passed on the books.

Despite the smoke-and-mirrors accounting and a range of other factors that contribute to the post-title 42 decrease, the administration had the temerity to declare victory.

But it is becoming clear there was no reason to celebrate. Preliminary data published in the Washington Post shows that last month, a record number of families illegally crossed the southern border—a record number. In August alone, Border Patrol detained more than 91,000 migrants who ended up in the United States as part of a family unit. This is the highest number we have ever seen in a single month.

But it is not just what is called family units. Apprehension numbers increased dramatically over the past couple of months. We have gone from just under 100,000 in June to 132,000 in July, to more than 177,000 in August. To be clear, these are not overall encounters. These are just the arrests by Border Patrol.

I already mentioned that since President Biden became President, there have been 1½ million "got-aways," people who were evading law enforcement—up to no good, I am sure. We won't see the full picture until the administration releases its data later this month. But the Washington Post is estimating roughly 230,000 migrant encounters in August when you include migrants processed through the land ports of entry. This would make it the busiest month for border crossings this year.

Time and time again, the Biden administration has refused to accept responsibility. The administration has cooked the books, manipulated the numbers, in order to hide the pace of border crossings. It has ignored frontline officers' plea for support. It has attacked States like mine for providing transportation to migrants to help them reach other States rather than to have them settle in our States. And now, it is trying to blame House Republicans for turning a blind eye to the fentanyl crisis. This is a new low, a new low even for the Biden administration.

The reason so many Americans see, understand, and care about fentanyl is because the crisis has ballooned under

President Biden's watch. It is going to continue to get worse, not better. Under this administration, fentanyl has poured across the southern border and into our communities across America. If anyone should be named and shamed for ignoring this crisis, it is not the House of Representatives, it is the gentleman sitting at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 261.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 261, Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Charles E. Schumer, Jon Tester, Raphael G. Warnock, Angus S. King, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Tim Kaine, Tina Smith, Mark Kelly, Debbie Stabenow, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Chris Van Hollen, Alex Padilla, Gary C. Peters, Richard Blumenthal, Margaret Wood Hassan.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 124.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 124, Jeffrey Irvine Cummings, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, John W. Hickenlooper, Margaret Wood Hassan, Gary C. Peters, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, Tammy Duckworth, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mazie Hirono, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jeanne Shaheen, Tammy Baldwin, Angus S. King, Jr., Alex Padilla, Robert Menendez, Michael F. Bennet.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 198, H.R. 4366.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4366) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 198, H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray, Jack Reed, Alex Padilla, Richard J. Durbin, Chris Van Hollen, Martin Heinrich, Debbie Stabenow, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher Murphy, Brian Schatz, Tina Smith, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher A. Coons, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tammy Duckworth, Benjamin L. Cardin.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, September 7, be waived.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. Monday, September 11; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Bradsher nomination; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senators CARDIN, LANKFORD, and LEE.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Maryland.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, 60 years ago last week, on Monday, August 28, hundreds of thousands of men and women descended on our Nation's capital for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

The march has become synonymous with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I