

hundreds of millions of dollars from individual European nations.

Since 2021, Biden has sent UNRWA a billion dollars. A billion dollars. USAID funds more than \$21 billion worth of UN programming, and they sent millions of dollars to UNRWA. And now the President is ready to send them billions more. If the American people knew what their tax dollars were actually being used for, they would be outraged. And I believe it is time for them to know.

We know that Hamas steals UNRWA money and supplies and stores their weapons in UNRWA facilities. We also know that they fill those facilities with human shields. But something that hasn't gotten nearly enough attention is how our tax dollars are radicalizing the next generation of Hamas extremists.

UN Watch published a report in March exposing UNRWA-affiliated schools for what they are: indoctrination centers. Bear in mind, this is UN Watch that published this report and exposed the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees for what they were doing. One employee shared an Instagram post calling a teenage Palestine Islamic Jihad fighter who was killed in a shootout a "little cub who fights like a thousand lions." That was an employee of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency who shared that Instagram post calling a teenage Jihadi fighter a "little cub who fights like a thousand lions."

A teacher posted a picture of Hitler with the caption:

Hitler, are you sleeping? Wake up, honey, there are still some people you need to burn.

UN Watch also found official curriculum from last year celebrating Dalal Mughrabi. In 1978, she led a band of PLO terrorists in a massacre that left 38 Israeli civilians dead. Thirteen of her victims were children. Another piece of propaganda written for ninth graders described the firebombing of a U.S. bus as a "barbecue party." One UNRWA teacher assigned seventh grade boys anti-Semitic poetry that urged the students to expel Israelis "with blood and flesh" from Palestine. All of this was subsidized by the American taxpayer.

Hamas is responsible for the October 7 massacre in Israel. But anyone who believes that Hamas is a solo actor is willfully ignorant. They have support. And right now, Biden's foreign policy is providing much of that support, not only through the money pipeline but through his absolute refusal to keep Iran in check. This isn't just a U.S. problem. It is a worldwide problem that we will not solve until the money stops flowing and Hamas is eradicated.

Fortunately, at least when it comes to UNRWA, accountability is built in. Global governments provide that funding, which means we can take it away. The United States needs to step up and lead.

I have introduced legislation to halt that funding until Iran is expelled from

the U.N. and investigated for violations. We have to get this job done. Our legislation would accomplish two goals. It will destroy that pipeline of taxpayer dollars from the United States to Hamas and disrupt the Biden administration's policy of appeasement toward Iran.

Everything President Biden has done has made this world more dangerous. But nothing has had more immediate and catastrophic consequences for our allies than his refusal to treat the Iranian regime like the dangerous adversary that it actually is. He sent Robert Malley, Ariane Tabatabai, and other Iranian assets to renegotiate the failed nuclear deal. Administration officials allowed Ms. Tabatabai's security clearance to stand even after it became clear she was operating under the advice of Iranian officials. He agreed to hand over a \$6 billion ransom payment and then insisted that the world's most prolific state sponsor of terror would dedicate every penny to humanitarian aid.

And in the hours following the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, he insisted that there was no connection between Iran and Hamas and their terrorist acts. Never mind that a week later, Hamas leadership met with the Iranian foreign minister in Qatar.

Biden's foreign policy is fatally flawed; that has become evident. And if we don't force him to reverse course, he will further endanger the American people and our allies and our safety and security.

I yield the floor.

#### VOTE ON WHITAKER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARKEY). The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Whitaker nomination?

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 263 Ex.]

#### YEAS—98

Baldwin	Casey	Gillibrand
Barrasso	Cassidy	Graham
Bennet	Collins	Grassley
Blackburn	Coons	Hagerty
Blumenthal	Cornyn	Hassan
Booker	Cortez Masto	Hawley
Boozman	Cotton	Heinrich
Braun	Cramer	Hickenlooper
Britt	Crapo	Hirono
Brown	Cruz	Hoeven
Budd	Daines	Hyde-Smith
Butler	Duckworth	Johnson
Cantwell	Durbin	Kaine
Capito	Ernst	Kelly
Cardin	Fetterman	Kennedy
Carper	Fischer	King

Klobuchar	Paul	Stabenow
Lankford	Peters	Sullivan
Lee	Reed	Tester
Lujan	Ricketts	Thune
Lummis	Risch	Tillis
Manchin	Romney	Tuberville
Markey	Rosen	Van Hollen
Marshall	Rounds	Vance
McConnell	Rubio	Warner
Menendez	Sanders	Warnock
Merkley	Schatz	Warren
Moran	Schmitt	Welch
Mullin	Schumer	Whitehouse
Murkowski	Scott (FL)	Wicker
Murphy	Shaheen	Wyden
Murray	Sinema	Young
Ossoff	Smith	

#### NOT VOTING—2

Padilla Scott (SC)

The nomination was confirmed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 116, Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Charles E. Schumer, Bernard Sanders, Christopher Murphy, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Richard J. Durbin, John W. Hickenlooper, Tina Smith, Sheldon Whitehouse, Catherine Cortez Masto, Brian Schatz, Gary C. Peters, Jacky Rosen, Alex Padilla, Michael F. Bennet, Jeff Merkley.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum called has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 264 Ex.]

#### YEAS—51

Baldwin	Cardin	Fetterman
Bennet	Carper	Gillibrand
Blumenthal	Casey	Hassan
Booker	Coons	Heinrich
Brown	Cortez Masto	Hickenlooper
Butler	Duckworth	Hirono
Cantwell	Durbin	Kaine

Kelly, King, Klobuchar, Lujan, Manchin, Markey, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Ossoff, Peters, Reed, Rosen, Sanders, Schatz, Schumer, Shaheen, Sinema, Smith, Stabenow, Sullivan, Tester, Van Hollen, Warner, Warnock, Warren, Welch, Whitehouse, Wyden

NAYS—47

Barrasso, Blackburn, Boozman, Braun, Britt, Budd, Capito, Cassidy, Collins, Cornyn, Cotton, Cramer, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hagerty, Hawley, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Johnson, Kennedy, Lankford, Lee, Lummis, Marshall, McConnell, Moran, Mullin, Murkowski, Paul, Ricketts, Risch, Romney, Rounds, Rubio, Schmitt, Scott (FL), Thune, Tillis, Tuberville, Vance, Wicker, Young

NOT VOTING—2

Padilla, Scott (SC)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The yeas are 51, nays 47. The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Rhode Island.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, H.R. 5860 was the continuing resolution signed into law on September 30. It narrowly averted an extremist-led government shutdown.

That act included \$16 billion in disaster relief for States like Florida, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Louisiana, and others that suffered tremendous losses from extreme weather events exacerbated by fossil fuel emissions causing climate change. It also provided funding for the thousands of firefighters who protect our communities from the ravages of wildfires.

Because that was designated as emergency funding, the Budget Committee chairman—i.e., me—is authorized to increase the Appropriations Committee's top line by the same amount. With this adjustment, the emergency funding will not supplant nondefense discretionary funding—which includes important investments for climate mitigation, environmental protection, infrastructure, education, job training, national parks and forests, and law enforcement—that is subject to the fiscal year 2024 discretionary spending limits.

That funding was designated as emergency funding pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allows the chairman

of the committee to revise the allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with the amount of emergency funding. Today, I am making that adjustment.

In addition, section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 contained a reserve fund to allow the Budget chairman to revise budget aggregates and committee allocations and to adjust the pay-as-you-go ledger for legislation that would not increase the deficit over the period of fiscal years 2024 to 2033. The authorizing portion of H.R. 5860, division B, meets the conditions of that reserve fund. Over the 10-year period, division B reduces deficits by \$2 million. As such, I am revising the budget aggregates, committee allocations, and pay-as-you-go ledger to accommodate H.R. 5860.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables which provide details about the adjustment be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REVISIONS TO BUDGET AGGREGATES—BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS

(Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and Section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) (\$ in billions)

Table with 2 columns: Description and 2024. Rows include Current Spending Aggregates, Adjustment, and Revised Aggregates.

REVISIONS TO THE ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

(Pursuant to Section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) (\$ in billions)

Table with 4 columns: Description, Current Allocation, Adjustments, Revised Allocation. Rows include Revised Security Budget Authority, Revised Nonsecurity Budget Authority, and General Purpose Outlays.

Note: The adjustments are emergency-designated funding in the jurisdiction of the Homeland Security appropriations subcommittee.

REVISIONS TO ALLOCATIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

(Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023) (\$ in billions)

Table with 4 columns: Description, 2024, 2024–2028, 2024–2033. Rows include Finance, Adjustments, Revised Allocation, and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Note: The adjustments represent the direct spending effects of Title III of Division B of H.R. 5860. Subtitle B is in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Health, Labor, Education, and Pensions. Subtitles D and E are in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Finance.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE

(Pursuant to Section 121(c) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023) (\$ in billions)

Table with 2 columns: Description and Balances. Rows include Current Balances and Revisions for Fiscal Years 2024, 2024–2028, and 2024–2033.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I yield the floor. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). The Senator from Rhode Island.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY, Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0P. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 18-19 of June 26, 2018.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH, Director.

Enclosure.