

will be in Phoenix, AZ, to roll out a colossal \$8.5 billion grant to Intel to expand its chip production here in America, a historic sum made possible by the Chips and Science Act, something I was proud to author and push.

Today's "Chips" announcement lands like a thunderclap: \$8.5 billion; 10,000 manufacturing jobs; 20,000 construction jobs; thousands upon thousands of indirect jobs; \$100 billion in private investment. And the ripple effects will be felt across a huge swath of the country: from Oregon to Arizona, to New Mexico, to Ohio. These are just some of the places where a golden new age of American chip production will manifest itself.

And today's announcement comes about a month after GlobalFoundries in New York received its own billion-and-a-half-dollar award to expand their legacy chip production and further make New York State a global hub for chip manufacturing. And we expect more soon for companies like Micron in central New York. You will hear good announcements about that, I believe, soon enough.

One announcement at a time, we are keeping our promise of bringing manufacturing back to America and making the United States the leader in microchip production once again.

And let me be clear. This isn't the tech revolution of yesterday. This is something entirely different and entirely new. When people in the future think "tech," it won't be just enough to mention places like Silicon Valley anymore. They will think of the Silicon Heartland.

Because of Chips and Science, the story of American innovation will now happen in places like New Albany, OH, where Intel is building its Ohio One facility. This one facility will create 3,000 new jobs and 7,000 union construction jobs. These jobs will pay exceedingly well, and not all are going to require college degrees.

Along with Senators CANTWELL, KELLY, WARNER, WYDEN, and so many of my Republican colleagues, too, I want to take a moment to applaud Senator BROWN for making Chips and Science happen. Thanks to my good friend SHERROD BROWN, these jobs in New Albany will be good-paying union jobs. Because SHERROD BROWN worked with the administration and worked with Intel, Intel is using a project labor agreement for the deal, which makes sure the workers building this fab are well prepared and well compensated.

It is not just that Intel will directly hire thousands of new workers. The benefits will also extend to universities across the region, especially HBCUs. It will benefit other industries, like the auto industry. This investment will help generate a pipeline of highly skilled tech workers right in the heart of Ohio, as well as Arizona, New Mexico, and Oregon. And the benefits will spread across communities that have long been overlooked and have long

been waiting for a second chance. And this is what so many of us here in the Senate envisioned when we wrote Chips and Science. I thought of this years ago. I worked with Senator YOUNG. It took us a long time to convince people how important this was. But today's announcement by Intel, the one that was announced last month in Upstate New York—and many others to come—our faith in this bill is being vindicated in terms of jobs and in terms of leadership, not only in chip manufacturing but in science.

So many of us envisioned this when we wrote Chips and Science—a cascade of public investment that in turn creates a fountain of private sector activity. Today's announcement is perhaps the clearest signal yet that Chips and Science is delivering. In the long run, these are the investments we need to keep America safe, keep America competitive, keep America a world leader for innovation in manufacturing in the future.

America was the envy of the world for much of the 20th century precisely because of our ambitions in technological innovation and manufacturing.

When I started working on what I then called endless frontiers a few years back—we retitled it "CHIPS and Science" because too many people thought endless frontiers had something to do with covered wagons—I did it because I knew we had to keep America competitive, and it would take an immense investment by the Federal Government. Other countries were investing. If we didn't, we would have fallen way, way behind, much to the detriment of industries across America because so many depend on chips and much to the detriment of our national security because not only does our defense industry depend on chips, but if they are made overseas, foreign countries might have sway over us economically and foreign policy-wise.

It has taken a while to get here, but the results are truly, truly paying off, and I am excited and feel vindicated about all the work we put into this. So I want to thank President Biden for his leadership in making today's announcement possible. President Biden understood the need to do this immediately when we talked to him about it, and his administration—particularly Commerce Secretary Raimondo—has done a great job negotiating with the companies, as today's announcement shows.

Finally, another shout out to SHERROD BROWN, who understood the importance of bringing chip manufacturing to Ohio for its auto industry and for so much else in projecting a future for a strong manufacturing base in Ohio.

UKRAINE

Mr. President, now on the supplemental, the longer that the national security supplemental sits on Speaker Johnson's desk, the more desperate the situation in Ukraine becomes. The war in Ukraine is devastating entire cities

and towns and villages, not just reducing their buildings to rubble but also decimating their populations. As a result, Ukraine is beginning to run out of soldiers. One Ukrainian village is even reported to have practically no men left because so many were drafted to fight, and many, sadly, will not return.

A few weeks ago, I visited Ukraine with a group of Senators, and I will never forget the moment when they took us, in Lviv, to a cemetery. It was a parking lot 4 months earlier, but they needed more room to bury their dead. Half the cemetery was already filled with graves, and you saw the pictures on each grave site of the young men and young women whose lives were taken so soon in their lives. But right across the way, there were workers working, as we were looking at those who were already buried, building new graves because they knew there would be so many more dead. This was a sad sight, but it never saps the vitality and strength of President Zelenskyy and of the Ukrainian people, so we need to help them.

What does Ukraine need? Ukraine is running out of munitions. Russia is now making three times—three times—as much artillery and munitions as the United States and Europe, and Ukrainian forces are suffering the consequences on the ground.

The supplemental package will provide Ukraine the resources it lacks: military equipment, munitions, intelligence support, weaponry, more. Making sure Ukraine has the resources it needs is one of the best ways we can help them compensate for being outnumbered on the battlefield.

Speaker JOHNSON knows this as well as I do. If he puts the supplemental on the floor of the House for a vote, it will pass with the same kind of bipartisan support we saw in the Senate. So my question for the Speaker is this: Why delay providing Ukraine the critical aid it needs to defend itself against Vladimir Putin?

The supplemental package is Ukraine's best chance to win this war. The aid being supplied to Ukraine by our European allies—they are generous, but it is not enough. Ukraine needs more help, and our allies around the world are looking at the House of Representatives, are looking at Speaker JOHNSON to step up.

The choice for Speaker JOHNSON is clear: Put the supplemental on the floor of the House for a vote and help deliver Ukraine the aid it desperately needs or kowtow to President Trump and the MAGA hard right who seem to want a victorious Putin.

History will remember what we do here in this time of great consequence for democracy. The Senate answered the call by passing the national security supplemental with a large, bipartisan majority. Now it is time for the House to do the same. The clock is ticking.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican leader is recognized.

ISRAEL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, more than 5 months after the butchery of October 7, Israelis are overwhelmingly united behind their government's unity war Cabinet in support of ongoing military operations against Hamas. By contrast, some prominent American Democrats are increasingly vocal in their belief that Israel's unity government and Israeli voters are wrong.

That is, after all, what we are talking about here. As much as some of our colleagues might like them to be, Democrats' egregious and hypocritical attempts to influence Israeli domestic politics aren't some simple or narrow critique of a particular Prime Minister; they are an affront to the very independence of the State of Israel—a sovereign nation, a robust democracy, and one of America's closest allies and friends; not a colony, not a vassal state, not some appendage of our own domestic politics.

As I said last week, our Democratic colleagues don't have an anti-Bibi problem; they have an anti-Israel problem. What else are we supposed to make of the way Democrats have fallen in line behind the position the Democratic leader expressed here on the floor last week? It is absurd enough for American Senators to masquerade as duly-elected members of the Knesset, as if their views should have any bearing on how Israel conducts its domestic politics. But unfortunately it now seems important to remind our President that he is America's Commander in Chief, not some supreme allied commander with authority over Israel's war operations.

I was worried to see the U.S. intelligence community opine publicly last week on the stability of the Israeli Government. It seems to me we should ask our intelligence professionals to keep their assessments of our closest partners a bit closer to their chest.

Think about just how embarrassing our colleagues would find this behavior if it was directed toward any other democratic U.S. ally. Think about how we might be received if the DNI or the CIA Director publicly commented on political tensions within Germany's coalition government or on the decision-making processes of President Macron or on the declining public support for the Trudeau government in Canada.

America is best served when our intelligence professionals refrain from public comments on politics—both our own and our allies.

The war thrust upon Israel by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad has al-

ready brought a host of profoundly embarrassing revelations to light.

It has exposed the United Nations Relief and Works Agency as irredeemably corrupt and appallingly complicit in both the violent kidnapping of Israelis and the indoctrination of Palestinians in a culture of hate, violence, and terror.

It has exposed the rank anti-Semitism that America's most elite universities have allowed to fester on their campuses and some of these institutions' weakening grasp on moral resolve.

Now it is exposing Democrats as unwilling or incapable of resisting the political pressures of their radical base. Just look how our colleagues have staked out bizarrely vocal support for policies for which even the Israeli left has said it has no time.

So membership in the U.S. Senate does not come with voting rights in the Knesset or the Bundestag. It certainly doesn't entitle colleagues who spent years decrying foreign interference in American politics to decide one day to flip the script on our allies.

Let's get one thing straight: This violence and this humanitarian crisis rest entirely on the shoulders of Hamas. This entire conflict would end if the cowardly terrorists who rule Gaza from beneath schools and hospitals released their innocent hostages.

And the people they oppress every day—the people of Gaza—have a say in the matter. They can turn on Hamas, turn in terrorist leaders like Yahya Sinwar, and turn over the hostages whose seizure by Palestinian terrorists started this conflict in the first place. Until then, the Israeli government ought to do what the overwhelming majority of Israelis expect of it: bring the innocents home; bring the terrorists to justice; and bring peace and security to its citizens.

And, I might add, pay the peanut gallery no mind.

EPA REGULATIONS

Mr. President, on a different matter, this week the Biden administration's radical EPA is finalizing yet another regulation that will force ordinary Americans to conform their lifestyles to coastal elite sensibilities. This latest rule would use strict emissions requirements on auto manufacturers to effectively ban gas-powered vehicles.

The President's energy agenda just keeps on putting climate activists in the driver's seat and leaves American workers in the dust. From canceling new oil leases and clean energy projects like LNG to threatening to ban gas stoves, the Biden administration has made it abundantly clear that they are willing to trade working families' livelihoods for kudos from their radical base.

But this week, the House Republican majority is actually fighting back. Our colleagues have dedicated this week to considering commonsense legislation to undo some of the worst offenses of the Biden administration's regulatory

state. They will take up bills to clear radical roadblocks that are preventing the completion of so many urgent energy infrastructure projects, to protect energy sector jobs against freezes on fracking and other energy development, to repeal a multibillion-dollar taxpayer slush fund for green energy projects, and to warn about the disastrous effects of a carbon tax on the U.S. economy.

The Biden administration keeps trying to sell working families on electric vehicles, but the American people aren't buying the hype. The average EV costs over \$14,000 more than the average gas-powered vehicle. Auto dealers around the country have noticed that demand for electric vehicles is stagnant. And at least one rental company is selling off its stock due to a lack of interest.

Meanwhile, State utilities are growing concerned that their power grids are already straining under soaring demand for electricity. Just imagine what would happen to our fragile electrical grids if we forced people to drive electric cars. Now, that doesn't seem to concern the Biden administration; neither does the fact that the supply chains for the critical minerals in EV batteries run straight through the People's Republic of China.

The EPA's new emissions standards are so stringent that they would require electric vehicles make up two of every three vehicles on the consumer market within 8 years, regardless of whether charging infrastructure is ever available. Apparently, rolling blackouts are just one of the many costs of admission to the Biden administration's green future.

So I would like to commend our House Republican colleagues for putting serious solutions on the table, and I hope Washington Democrats will snap out of their climate daydream before it becomes a nightmare for working families.

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Mr. President, on one final matter, here on the floor yesterday, the Democratic leader defended his efforts to restrict rural Americans' access to justice. And he laid plain some rather partisan goals.

Apparently, our colleague is upset that he still has not managed to bully the Judicial Conference into embracing his vision of unequal justice.

During the course of his speech, he invited me "to find ways to restore trust in the judiciary." Well, I have one. It is the bill from Senator COTTON to end nationwide injunctions. The Federal bench, in places like Texas and Louisiana, as an entity, isn't what erodes trust in the judicial branch. What erodes trust is the ability of individual district judges everywhere to apply their orders nationwide. I think we should end this practice—in Amarillo and San Francisco, in Lubbock and Seattle, in Dayton and in Baltimore.

If the Democratic leader wants to restore trust in our judiciary, he can join