

the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Ex.]

#### YEAS—84

Baldwin	Grassley	Padilla
Barrasso	Hagerty	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Romney
Booker	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Boozman	Hirono	Rounds
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Brown	Johnson	Sanders
Budd	Kaine	Schatz
Butler	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Capito	King	Scott (SC)
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Lankford	Stabenow
Casey	Lee	Tester
Cassidy	Lujan	Thune
Collins	Lummis	Tillis
Coons	Markey	Tuberville
Cornyn	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Vance
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Cruz	Moran	Warren
Daines	Mullin	Welch
Duckworth	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Fischer	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Young

#### NAYS—3

Braun	Marshall	Sullivan
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#### NOT VOTING—13

Cotton	Hoeben	Shaheen
Cramer	Manchin	Sinema
Ernst	Paul	Warner
Fetterman	Risch	
Graham	Schmitt	

(Ms. HASSAN assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). On this vote, the yeas are 84, the nays are 3.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Ohio.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANN MILLER

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Ann Miller, a champion of labor, as she retires this month. Today happens to be—probably not entirely coincidentally—her birthday.

Ann has spent her entire career fighting for the dignity of work. She started off in this body working for Senator Edward Kennedy, a champion of workers and a friend and a mentor of mine.

I know Senator MURRAY, who is in front of me here, served on his committee for many, many years, and, as he did, she later chaired it.

It is clear Ann cares too. From the beginning of her career, Ann saw how important it is for representatives to understand labor and to stand up for workers.

After her time in the Senate, Ann moved to the Department of Labor, where she could continue her work. During a very intense time there at DOL, while family and medical leave was being implemented and increased minimum wage was secured, Ann was instrumental in that.

After 4 years, Ann moved to the AFL-CIO and then the Alliance for Re-

tired Americans. In every role and every job, the focus of her work was always fighting for workers.

She returned to the AFL-CIO in 2003, where she would spend the next 10 years. She pushed people running for office around the country to put workers at the center. She knew that was morally right. She also knew it was good politics to put workers at the center of what we do and how we campaign and how we carry out our jobs, from having a pro-labor platform to smaller suggestions like hosting events at union hotels. I know that the Presiding Officer from Minnesota does things like that. After election day, Ann held candidates to their promises. She kept them accountable to the interests of workers. Her colleagues called her the soul of the labor program.

It is clear Ann still understood the importance of having pro-labor and pro-worker representatives. She saw it when she started out in the Senate. She carried it through her whole career. It led Ann to the AFL-CIO and then ultimately to the IBEW, the electrical workers, where she has been an integral part of the legislative and political department for the past 10 years. She worked with an experienced staff of grassroots organizers and analysts and advocates. They have fought for the interests of IBEW's 820,000 members and retirees across different industries and fields. Ann had always been impressed by the IBEW members she met through her career and their willingness to stand up and be heard. It is fitting that the final chapter of her work life was spent fighting for them.

We have heard from those who worked alongside Ann. A highlight of her career was becoming a member of IBEW Local 121. With her union card, Ann joined the hundreds of thousands of workers across our country whom she has spent her career fighting for.

Today, as we see renewed energy and momentum in the labor movement, it is in part because of Ann and her work. Those who know Ann recognize her fearlessness and her tenacity. It is because of Ann, for instance—and I know that Senator SMITH and Senator MURRAY joined us in this—that we were able, with the CHIPS Act, to get a project labor agreement that means at least 7,000 union workers building that gargantuan plant, union workers across the board—electricians and carpenters and bricklayers and laborers and operating engineers and even roofers and carpenters and many others. When things get tough, Ann fights even harder for workers. She has instilled that same strength and determination in her staff.

She has emphasized the importance of building genuine relationships, whether it is with representatives or candidates or colleagues.

She cares for the people she worked alongside, never really looking for praise or accolades, just wanting to help.

She has been a mentor to many women in labor, particularly the build-

ing trades. The IBEW attracts more people of color and more women. Ann has been at the forefront, and she has been able to mentor so many of those women. She has fought to make it easier for women in the labor movement to rise through the ranks, easier than it was for her to do that.

We wish Ann well in this next chapter, filled with more time with her family, with Andy, and all. We thank her for an impressive career spent standing up for the dignity of work.

We recommit in this body to our own fight to ensure hard work pays off for everyone. You love this country; you fight for the people who make it work. She understands that.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL SAMUEL

Madam President, I rise today, also, to honor Bill Samuel and congratulate him on a long career fighting for workers.

Bill dedicated his whole life to the labor movement. Early in his career, Bill served as a legislative representative for the National Treasury Employees Union and then for the American Federation of Government Employees. In both roles, Bill fought for Federal workers across different Agencies and Departments.

Bill went to Oberlin College in my State, not far from where I work, and the values that school holds up and shines a light upon have also affected Bill's work.

He went to work for the UMW and was instrumental in the fight for miners. Bill upheld the UMW's long legacy of fighting for better working conditions and better benefits, especially better healthcare.

He and I have talked about the pin I wear on my lapel. It was given to me at a worker's Memorial Day rally, some 20 years ago. It is a picture of a canary in a birdcage. The mine workers took the canary into the mines.

In those days, 120 years ago, the mine workers had no union strong enough to protect them and no government that cared enough to protect them. And Bill sees politics and sees the labor movement through the eyes of what that is all about.

Bill made a huge difference in their fight, working with Senator Rockefeller and former UMWA President Trumka. Miners risk their health to power our country. Many of them didn't have access to the healthcare they needed. It is something we know all too well in southeast Ohio and have fought to change.

Bill led the successful campaign to pass Federal legislation guaranteeing lifetime healthcare to more than 200,000 retired miners and their families. He fought to secure what miners had earned and deserved.

His advocacy made a difference for so many miners and so many families. Whether it was in the labor movement or in government, that fight for workers was always his North Star.

He worked at the Department of Labor, where he could carry out and

implement a lot of the things he fought for. And then he worked for Vice President Gore.

For nearly a quarter century, Bill has been a leader at the AFL-CIO, where he served as director of government affairs. He has been a constant at the AFL-CIO through multiple federation presidents and periods of transition. AFL presidents, AFL affiliates, and congressional offices have all come to rely upon his insight and upon his wisdom. He leads the AFL-CIO's legislative committee. He advocates for the federation's 10 million union members.

Bill makes that balancing act look easy. He builds consensus across the affiliates. He coordinates with every union. He engages with workers and members and representatives. He is at the center of every operation, every initiative, every campaign. We rely on him. We get good information. And we rely on his wise counsel.

He is the first person my team calls on issue after issue. They know what I know: Bill understands the issues. He understands how to build consensus. He understands how to get things done. He understands how to mobilize the entire union movement. And he is always fighting for others.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Bill on issues that matter so much to my State. We worked to pass the Butch Lewis Act, named after an Ohioan. With it, we saved the pensions of 100,000 Ohio union members whose earned retirement benefits were at risk because of Wall Street greed.

Most people in Washington ignored the challenges facing union retirees. They didn't take the problem seriously or treat this as the emergency that it was. In Washington, most people don't understand collective bargaining. They don't understand the collective bargaining process. They don't understand that workers sit down at the table. Worker representatives sit down at the table, negotiate, and are willing to give up benefits today—pay and even some healthcare benefits today, perhaps—to have a pension in the future.

That is why Butch Lewis was so important. That is why Bill never gave up. And along with Ohio leaders like Mike Walden and Rita Lewis, he mobilized workers. He helped put this on the agenda and keep it there, and we got it done.

Whenever politicians proposed anti-labor, anti-worker legislation, Bill stood up. Bill stood up for workers. His entire career he fought for the people who make our country work.

And, today, at a time when there is unprecedented momentum behind unions, there is stronger support among this generation of young people for unions than there has been in my entire lifetime. That is partly because of the work that Bill did in organizing and in showing people how important it is and the unwavering dedication to workers.

Thousands of workers across our Nation don't know Bill personally, but

they benefit from his efforts and his advocacy on their behalf.

We congratulate Bill on his career of service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement. He will be able to spend more time with Tracy and with his children, Jack and Lucy.

I look forward to working with Bill's successor, Jody Calemine, to continue fighting for workers.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 3168

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, we have all watched what has happened with the Iran strike this weekend. And my colleagues across the aisle like to say that they support Israel. But in this moment of peril for the world's only Jewish state, I fear that what they are doing is deciding to play politics. And, in the months after the October 7 attack, they insisted on tying aid for Israel to supplemental packages that do not have the votes to pass through both Chambers.

Now, Republicans have been very clear: Any supplemental bill that fails to address the security crisis at our southern border is a nonstarter.

We already have a solution to President Biden's border crisis. It is H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. But for almost a year—and bear in mind, that border security bill landed over here in May of last year. So it has been almost a year. And our colleagues—the Democrats—who are in charge, have refused to bring that up for a vote.

Now, Democrats voted to table different measures that came along. My colleague from Kansas is going to have one in a few minutes, and they are going to vote to table that also. And they are going to object. And they are doing this at a time when legislation we bring forward would provide billions in aid for Israel as it fights to destroy Hamas and bring some innocent hostages—including Americans—home.

Now, the reason the bill—and this is their reason. They say the bill would pay for itself—my colleagues's bill that he is going to bring forward—because it would use the funding for Biden's army of 87,000 IRS agents. They say they don't like that. And Democrats would rather hound small businesses on Main Street, which we know most of those would be targeted toward, than deliver aid that is necessary for our closest ally in the Middle East.

Now, think about what they are saying when they say this. They would rather keep those IRS agents than to give this aid. They would rather tie aid to Ukraine. They would rather tie it to Taiwan. They don't want it to stand alone.

So for months, they have delayed, and, now, after these months of delay, Iran, for the first time ever, directly attacked Israel from Iranian territory. It launched 170 drones, 30 cruise missiles, and 120 ballistic missiles toward the Jewish State. This was the largest aerial attack ever carried out in the Middle East.

So if Democrats are objecting to everything that would, in any way, tie up aid to Israel, then let's look at it another way, because this issue is too important for any more delays. That is why I am calling for unanimous consent for S. 3168, the Israel Supplemental Appropriations Act.

This bill is nearly identical to legislation that passed the House and would provide \$17.6 billion in aid to our cherished ally, including \$4 billion to replenish the Iron Dome, \$1.3 billion to help Israel counter mortar attacks, and \$3.3 billion to support U.S. military operations in the region.

But my bill does not make any cuts at all to Joe Biden's army of IRS agents. It doesn't make any cuts to the budget. It doesn't have any offsets. My legislation very simply says: They need this aid. Let's send this aid. Let's make certain Israel has what they need to protect themselves.

The world's only Jewish State is in a fight for its survival. Time and time again, Iran and its proxies have vowed they would annihilate Israel. We have heard them say: "Death to Iran. Death to Israel. Death to the U.S."

Iran funds these proxies. So let's give Israel what they need to defend themselves. Let's do it unencumbered, no offsets. Let's all stand together.

And I would ask my Democratic colleagues: How much longer do you think Israel can wait?

Let's push this forward, and let's allow Israel to have the funding they need to protect themselves without ties to anything else.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I want to thank my senior Senator from the State of Tennessee for leading the charge on this important issue.

Time and time again, my colleagues across the aisle have blocked passage for a fully funded, standalone aid package for Israel. We have heard them claim they won't support our bill because cutting the IRS would allow millionaires to get away with tax evasion.

So Senator BLACKBURN and I are rising once again to make things easy for our colleagues who want a bloated IRS. But I have to tell you, not once in my lifetime have I heard any Kansan come to me and express interest in inflating the IRS, of all Agencies.

But we will press on, calling this bluff and putting forth the exact same bill without the IRS pay-for. For several months, I have said: If you don't like my pay-for, show me another. But at the end of the day, what matters is getting the aid to Israel.

Since this body won't allow us to make cuts to the IRS—on tax day, no less—to pay for the aid, unfortunately, it just won't be paid for. We will do away with the cuts if it means Democrats will stop holding aid to Israel. Let's make this deal right now. The people of Israel need us to make the deal.

But, once again, we will see the Democrats block this bill. That is because it is not about the cuts to the