

Momnibus, now led by the very own Senator BOOKER from New Jersey, is a comprehensive legislative package that would make historic investments to address every dimension of the Black maternal health crisis. I am proud to serve as a cosponsor of this much needed legislation.

The good news is that, since leaving this Chamber, Vice President HARRIS has remained consistent and insistent in carrying these efforts forward into the Biden-Harris administration, spearheading the administration's blueprint to address the maternal health crisis. The blueprint has led to key actions involving innovative models to improve maternal healthcare for low-income women and a national strategy to address maternal mental health and substance use disorders. This blueprint, paired with the passage of thoughtful legislative proposals such as the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, is exactly what we need to combat this devastating crisis.

As a Member of this Chamber, it is a privilege to truly be able to contribute to those legislative solutions and be a part of this fight. That is why I introduced the NIH IMPROVE Act, alongside Senator KATIE BRITT and Representatives UNDERWOOD and in the House, to help address some of these disparities.

The NIH IMPROVE Act authorizes the funding necessary to sustain the critical activities of the National Institutes of Health's IMPROVE Initiative, which supports research on how to reduce preventable causes of maternal death and improve health for women before, during, and after pregnancy. The initiative aims to address the foremost causes of maternal mortality in the United States as well as significant pregnancy-associated and pregnancy-related health complications such as diabetes, obesity, mental health, and substance use disorders.

This bill would provide the steady funding necessary, at least for the next 7 years, to ensure that NIH can continue to pursue this research into the root causes of our maternal mortality crisis. The bill will also help to build an evidence base to further improve maternal healthcare in underserved areas and target health disparities associated with maternal mortality and morbidity.

Just one example of how the IMPROVE Initiative is already supporting critical maternal health research is the story of a young researcher named Denys Symonette Mitchell, a doctor of public health student at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Through the support of the IMPROVE Initiative, Denys and her colleagues are actively conducting pregnancy-related research to examine and eliminate maternal health disparities and ultimately reshape communities in need. Specifically, their research examines strategies to support healthy eating and increased physical activity among low-

income postpartum women with a history of diabetes during pregnancy—one of the many conditions associated with maternal mortality and morbidity.

Denys has said that NIH-funded studies such as this have transformed her educational experience and catapulted her professional aims as a training research scientist.

In addition to serving as a doctoral research assistant, Denys is also a Black mother. Denys is a manifestation, a real-life example that Black women, Black mothers, and all mothers are so much more than just a statistic; they are vigorously working toward solutions that we need to improve maternal health outcomes in this country.

The urgent research efforts called for and outlined in the NIH IMPROVE Act and Initiative will not only help to address our Nation's maternal health crisis; they will also help to support the next generation of Black mothers, scientists, and leaders such as Denys. The lifesaving research supported through the NIH IMPROVE Act will bolster solutions that are designed to combat the crisis that all women are facing.

Mr. President, I will close with this: In the majority opinion of the Dobbs decision that essentially ripped away the reproductive freedom of women that they had fought for for nearly 50 years, Justice Alito wrote:

Women are not without electoral or political power.

While I disagree with most of what Justice Alito wrote in this opinion, on this point, with him I do agree. The political and electoral power of women in this country demands the healthcare that we need, demands the healthcare that we deserve. Advancing the NIH IMPROVE Act will serve as a key step toward accomplishing that.

While I serve in this Chamber, I will continue to push and to push us to deliver the investments required to address this crisis head-on. I am committed to seeing this through for my daughter if she decides to become a mother, for every woman who chooses to be a mother, and for the future of the Nation they will shape.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The deputy whip from Hawaii.

KIDS OFF SOCIAL MEDIA ACT

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, over the past year, I have worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle on legislation to protect kids from the harms of social media.

The role of platforms like Instagram and TikTok in turbocharging the mental health crisis among our kids is clear—the data shows it; our personal experience shows it; warnings from experts like the Surgeon General confirm it—which is why last month, after months of work with the Commerce Committee and outside stakeholders, I introduced an updated version of my bipartisan bill called the Kids Off Social Media Act with Senators Cruz, Murphy, Britt, and many others.

The bill does a few very straightforward things. First, it sets the minimum age of social media use to 13. Second, it bans platforms from targeting kids under 17 with their powerful black-box algorithms. Third, it blocks social media sites from school networks—something that almost 90 percent of all schools already do.

Over the past several weeks, my team and I have continued to work with other Member offices as well as a wide range of outside stakeholders to refine the bill in important ways, and we continue to have productive conversations on strengthening the bill in order to best protect kids online.

Colleagues may have seen the hotline run on my bill, and we continue to work toward a markup. There are also several other bills pending on this issue, which I support. It is my hope that the Senate will consider all of these bills in short order and finally give kids the help and the protection they need.

Congress has to act in this area. We now have many good proposals, most of them not in competition with each other. Let's take some action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHATZ. 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.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, every year, our Nation comes together to honor and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their fellow citizens. This week, National Police Week, stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across our Nation, including those in my own State of Mississippi.

Every day, our law enforcement officers put on their uniforms, kiss their loved ones goodbye, and head out into the unknown, knowing that they may encounter danger at any moment. They stand as guardians of our communities, ensuring that peace, law, and order prevail, often at great personal risk.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these heroes, whose selflessness and bravery serve as an example of what it means to be a patriot. Their commitment to uphold the law, protect the innocent, and serve justice is at the foundation of what makes our Nation great.

As we honor those who have fallen, it is important that we also remember the families they have left behind. This week, we, as a nation, join the spouses, children, parents, siblings, fellow officers, and friends in mourning the loss

of these men and women. Their sacrifice is no less profound, and their resilience and strength get at the heart of what it means to be an American.

Even in the face of adversity, our officers have remained steadfast in their commitment to serve.

It is important to me that every officer in Mississippi knows that I greatly admire you for your loyalty, grit, and determination throughout such challenges. I will continue to work to ensure you have the resources you need to do your job.

My State of Mississippi is blessed with amazing law enforcement, who are not only hometown heroes, but also an integral part of our communities. Every loss of an officer is deeply felt by all.

I would like to specifically remember and honor the two fallen officers from Mississippi whose names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this year. These officers died heroes in service to their communities, and we are humbled by their service and sacrifice.

We remember: Madison County Police Department's Officer Horren Randy Tyler, 64, who was tragically shot and killed on June 1, 2023, after a man opened fire on officers during a hostage negotiation. Randy's colleagues regarded him as a leader and mentor, seeking his guidance in challenging situations, trusting his 27 years of experience. He leaves behind his wife, four children, and three grandchildren.

And we also remember: Mississippi Bureau of Investigation's Lieutenant Jeris Deon Davis, 51, who succumbed to Covid on December 29, 2020. Lt. Davis served in law enforcement for 22 years, including as an officer with the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

As we reflect on the lives lost and the sacrifices made, let us recommit ourselves to supporting those who serve and protect us. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder with our law enforcement officers, offering them the respect, appreciation, and support they deserve.

Let us honor the memory of those who have fallen, and pledge to carry forward their legacy of courage, integrity, and service. In doing so, we ensure that their sacrifices will never be forgotten, and that their spirit will continue to guide and inspire us for generations to come.

I will continue to be an advocate for law enforcement professionals and provide support where possible and do all I can to honor their sacrifice.

I am praying that their families and loved ones of our fallen officers find comfort in knowing that not only is their loss deeply felt, but it will also never be forgotten. God bless our law enforcement officers, their families, and the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TESS KUENNING

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I rise today to thank Tess Kuenning, president and chief executive officer of the Bi-State Primary Care Association for her contributions to the work of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to expand access to primary care for all Americans.

Tess Kuenning, clinically trained as an advanced practice nurse, has led Bi-State Primary Care Association for nearly 30 years. During this time, she has worked tirelessly to support community health centers in Vermont, New Hampshire, and around the country as a member of various boards, committees, and panels focused on expanding access to primary care.

Primary care is the backbone of our healthcare system. Community health centers make up a major portion of that backbone, especially for low- and moderate-income Americans. Yet Congress continues to severely underfund this critical work.

Community health centers provide affordable, quality primary medical, dental, and mental health care, as well as access to low-cost prescription drugs to over 30 million people in the United States. In Vermont, nearly one out of every three people receives their primary healthcare through a community health center across 73 sites, something that I and my fellow Vermonters are very proud of and has happened in no small part due to Tess's efforts.

Over the past year, I worked very hard as chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to increase funding for community health centers. Working day and night alongside me was Tess Kuenning. Simply put, she has done more for health centers this past year than just about anyone else in the Nation. Tess uses creativity, innovation, perseverance, and her vast network of health center contacts across the country to lift up and garner support for the community health center program. She is steadfast in her efforts to build connections and demonstrate the vast needs and even greater potential of our health centers.

To my mind, Tess Kuenning's work represents the kind of effective engagement all Americans should have with their Members of Congress. Each of us should be lucky enough to have people in our home State who understand the needs of everyday people and are willing to tell us what we need to know to provide our constituents with the help they need. I am very grateful for Tess's dedication to improving our healthcare system and the health of millions and all those who believe that healthcare is a right—not a privilege—owe her our thanks and respect.●

REMEMBERING MILDRED RUSSELL

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of Mildred Rus-

sell who passed away on May 10, 2024, at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer. Mildred Russell was a former Alachua County School Board member and Republican State committee-woman. Before that, she started Miracle Life Ministers and churches in Georgia and England with her husband Rusty. Mrs. Russell lived in Gainesville for more than 40 years, where she was active in different areas of the community. She will be terribly missed by her family, friends, and all who felt the positive impact of her work in the church and Alachua County schools.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1797. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard with respect to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micro-mobility devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3950. An act to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4310. An act to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4510. An act to reauthorize to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to update the mission and functions of the agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4581. An act to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6571. An act to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6572. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to take actions necessary and appropriate to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6960. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

H.R. 7343. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers.

H.R. 7530. An act to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7581. An act to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the