

to participate in cloning and gene editing? I just don't think America is ready for that.

And here is the third issue, the third poison pill that is being ignored: This legislation by Senator DUCKWORTH requires infertility clinics to go right to IVF; that they skip—they can skip all the other easier steps, if you will. I won't bore the rest of the Senate with some of those easier things we could do, but there are many things that you could do for infertility before jumping to IVF. I just don't think that that is good legislation to overregulate that patient-physician relationship.

It is a great honor to come here today. Today, 200 babies were born from in vitro fertilization—200. Let's celebrate those babies. We are the party of pro-family and pro-life. We support protecting in vitro fertilization. I ask this Chamber to come together and celebrate the blessings of in vitro fertilization as opposed to mounting political disinformation campaigns that are disingenuous to the beliefs of so many in our conference.

As I said before, the Republican Party stands as the pro-family party, and nothing embodies this more than welcoming a new baby into loving arms. Standing with these families means offering them encouragement and support in their journeys toward safe and secure in vitro fertilization treatment. Our commitment to protecting life ensures that every family has the chance to experience that joy of parenthood through in vitro fertilization.

Our priority is always to make it easier for families to have babies, not harder. We must understand that there are over 8 million families now for whom IVF has answered their prayers. That is why I am, again, so honored to stand here beside Senators CRUZ and BRITT to champion this pro-family legislation and guarantee access to in vitro fertilization to all Americans.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, here we go again. I rise today in this Chamber as President Biden and his administration enter yet another summer of executive overreach as the administration adds layer after layer of bureaucracy that spells negative consequences for nearly every aspect of American life. Actually, I just had the homebuilders in my office today making this very point—the West Virginia Home Builders Association.

Throughout the President's time in the White House, we haven't really seen much consistency except when it comes to his desire to grow the influence of unelected government bureaucrats or to defy congressional intent or to impose unnecessary rules, regulations, and redtape. These things will forever define his administration, and as of June 7 of this year, the 946 final rules imposed by President Biden have cost the American taxpayer over \$1.6 trillion.

So, for President Biden and his administration, I would recommend a brief refresher on the history of the United States and the intent that inspired the Framers of our Constitution.

Our Founding Fathers were quick to recognize that power and authority vested in one body would create devastating costs for the future of our Nation. That was the motivation behind establishing separated powers, of creating a system of checks and balances across three equal branches of government. However, President Biden's advocacy for the growth of the administrative state has put this separation into question. It kind of goes against article I of the Constitution, which states:

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States.

Let's just take a few examples that we have seen recently of what I would consider to be outrageous overreach.

No. 1, first—something I have been very vocal about—is the EPA's Clean Power Plan 2.0, which will eliminate coal-powered generation completely, but it will also block new natural gas plants from coming online in the future. Don't ask me how we are going to power the Nation.

This rule from the EPA is meant to put coal and natural gas employees out of work and shutter those baseload power plants once and for all.

Next, we have the final rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that imposes burdensome Federal staffing mandates on long-term care facilities.

This is something that could be incredibly harmful to rural States like mine. Now, safety is first in a long-term care facility, but unattainable employee requirements like this one would force many of our rural nursing homes to shut their doors, especially as rural health facilities are facing staffing challenges all across the country.

Then there is the Biden HHS rule that endangers the safety and well-being of unaccompanied migrant children.

Currently, migrant children who enter into the country illegally without an adult are detained and placed in the Unaccompanied Children Program. The HHS rule that I am referring to includes many harmful practices like optional sponsor-vetting. That is the refusal to consider a sponsor's criminal record. So we are going to put children into the care and sponsorship of people, and we are refusing to see if they have

criminal records. Think about somebody who has a history of abuse or neglect or somebody who has a drug problem. We wouldn't know. And there are weak standards for post-release home studies to determine a child's status or safety once the child is in the custody of that sponsor.

There are many heartbreaking stories we see with the border crisis, but this exploitation of children is one of the most devastating. I would add we have seen article after article about child labor and child trafficking that is occurring, and the administration is changing a rule to make it less protective of those children.

Over at the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security, they have an interim final rule that targets U.S. businesses that support America's use of their Second Amendment rights. Specifically, it restricts the ability of American firearm—ammunition—and related component manufacturers to obtain a license to export their products for sale.

Aside from the fact that it is unlawful, the interim rule will have a negative impact again on these American manufacturers, their suppliers, and the jobs that they support.

Additionally at the EPA, we saw the coal combustion residuals final rule, also known as coal ash, that imposes retroactive and costly regulations on coal ash management at inactive coal-fired powerplants.

This highlights, yet again, another anti-energy rule from the Biden administration that would throw our power grid into even more uncertainty. The volume of these efforts truly goes to show the broken rulemaking process of this administration. It underscores the President's bureaucratic blunders and his administration's ineffective style of governing.

While each rule may seem unrelated to one another, they strike a common cord. President Biden's administrative state is out of control. They would rather impose harmful regulations—remember, I said 900 of them—that would restrict America's rights and make life more difficult for our families than work with this Congress on pragmatic solutions, and they further escalate the hidden tax generated by these regulations—a tax that often receives too little attention.

The growth of the administrative state has distorted the way that policy and policymaking and lawmaking works right here in Washington, DC. This shifts away from letting Congress legislate; it openly defies the basis on which our country was built; and it takes the power away from the people. When you take the power away from the Representatives, you are taking power away from the people. Remember, the Constitution starts with "We the People." It does not start with "We the Administration" or "Me the President."

I encourage President Biden and my colleagues in Congress to recognize that.

So, if we look at the summer bucket list, you will see—I talked about all of these—eliminate coal power, check; block new natural gas plants, check; add burdensome Federal staffing mandates on long-term care facilities, check; restrict Second Amendment rights, check.

The President's summer bucket list has been fulfilled already, and we don't even have summer officially here yet.

So while President Biden and his bloated bureaucracy attempt to put major restrictions on American energy, decimate the healthcare workforce for our seniors, tax and spend their way to higher prices, cast our southern border into chaos, and put restrictions on Americans' constitutional rights, Senate Republicans will continue to fight and hold the administration accountable and return authority to the American people on the issues that impact them every single day. That is why we were sent here. That is what we were sent to do.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

UNACCOMPANIED MINOR RULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am here to inform my colleagues what is wrong with our immigration enforcement involving children.

In April, the Biden administration finalized a rule governing its Unaccompanied Minors Program. They did this over the objections of this Senator and 38 others when we informed the administration in a letter. And we didn't object lightly.

For nearly a decade, my oversight has shown that the Office of Refugee Resettlement—that is ORR for short—has failed to protect unaccompanied minors. Biden's new rule cements ORR's dangerous policies.

Here is just one example of ORR's many failures. This is taken straight from a Justice Department court filing. A sexual predator smuggled a 10-year-old girl. I will call her Mary. That is not her real name. Mary was from Guatemala, smuggled to the United States on false promises of an education.

When she reached the border, ORR officials promised Mary they would find a safe sponsor for her. Then they simply trusted everything to Mary's predator and what that predator said.

Mary's predator lied about being her father. He gave ORR phony documents and phony forms approving Mary's release to his sister, who he claimed was Mary's aunt.

Under Biden's rule, ORR doesn't have to verify a sponsor's proof of identity or even guardianship. It doesn't even fully background-check the sponsor. The ORR rule takes a sponsor's representations at near face value and then puts employees on a 10- or 14-day clock to get kids into the hands of the sponsors as fast as possible.

Then, without even batting an eye, the ORR escorted Mary to her fake aunt in Chicago. There, this 10-year-old

girl was stabbed with a kitchen knife, scalded with cooking oil, and repeatedly sexually assaulted by four men.

Mary, you know, thought she was coming to America to have a better life and pursue the American dream. Instead, she was enduring a nightmare. I imagine Mary prayed every night for help. I reckon she spent every day asking God how this happened to her.

It happened because the United States turned a blind eye, and by finalizing this rule, the administration of President Biden is refusing to remove the blindfold.

ORR knows it has a problem. The Justice Department told ORR what happened to Mary.

Last December, I led 38 other Senators in demanding ORR change its policies, but our warning fell on deaf ears. Biden's ORR just finalized a rule with policies that are even worse than those that placed Mary with her abusers. Under these policies, in 2021, ORR sent another little girl to a sexual predator in the State of Kentucky who falsely claimed to be her uncle. ORR accepted fake paperwork and unverified claims. It moves kids to sponsors as if they were nothing more than products on an assembly line. We ought to protect kids from predators.

There is a process that Congress can object to these rules. It is called the Congressional Review Act. It is something that can be done in the U.S. Senate with just a majority vote. You don't have to have 60 votes to stop debate because it is limited to 10 hours of debate, and then you vote whatever the majority wants to do.

We have this whole thing of child abuse in the immigration system because we are not adequately vetting the people who bring these kids in or where they are assigned. It is very clear that child abuse of this type is not a Democrat or a Republican issue. Under the Congressional Review Act process, I am glad to have the support of Senator MANCHIN and 43 other Senators on my resolution to overturn the Biden administration's awful ORR rule. I hope to see more of my colleagues support this effort. I hope to get it to a vote and ask for their support.

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. RICKETTS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TAILPIPE EMISSIONS AND EV MANDATE

Mr. RICKETTS. Madam President, I rise today to join my colleagues in condemning the Biden administration's continuous overreach. Specifically, today we are talking about the EPA's delusional tailpipe emissions regulations. They are effectively an EV mandate.

This delusional rule would require up to two-thirds of all new cars being sold in 2032 to be electric vehicles. I don't have anything against electric vehicles—they are cool to drive—but the Federal Government shouldn't be picking winners and losers in the marketplace. The free market and consumers should drive American innovation, not mandates from the Biden administration. That is why I have introduced Congressional Review Act legislation, along with Senator SULLIVAN, to overturn Biden's EV mandate.

There are a lot of reasons an EV mandate just isn't feasible. My first concern is the cost to consumers.

At an event I held last year bringing experts from across the country to Nebraska to talk about what these mandates would mean, one of our experts from Harvard and the Breakthrough Institute told us that auto ownership is the most critical tool for people getting out of poverty. Certainly in a State like Nebraska, that is true. It is the ticket to being able to get to a job. Yet buying and maintaining an electric vehicle is unaffordable to our low-income families.

The average low-income family spends \$12,000 on a vehicle. An EV costs \$53,000. A \$7,500 tax credit is not going to get you anywhere. It is an unacceptable burden and barrier to our low-income families to be able to get that car so they can get to work.

The second problem is that Biden administration officials have admitted they have no idea how they are going to be able to accomplish their goal. One person I talked to said they are going to run into two big problems: math and physics. They have no idea how they are going to be able to generate and transmit the power needed to be able to charge all these cars.

In fact, on the one hand, while they are trying to get us to use more electric vehicles and have those be charged, on the other hand, the Biden administration is passing rules that are attacking American energy. They are passing regulations for our power-generating plants that, for example, would require 78 percent of coal-generation plants to shut down between 2028 and 2040.

They are blocking the mining of critical minerals as well that we need to build the batteries—so Ambler Road, for example, in Alaska, where there is one of our major copper mine deposits, or think about all the lithium mine resources we have in this country. They are blocking our ability to get the resources and therefore are going to make us dependent on China, which processes between 60 to 80 percent of all these critical and rare earth elements that we need to be able to build these batteries.

There are also limitations on the technology that goes along with electric vehicles. It just doesn't make it feasible in States like Nebraska. For example, EVs are not reliable in cold weather. According to the AAA, when