

But it is not just the history that demands a reckoning. It is also the lasting legacy of these immoral policies, which continue to this day. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, which I chair, has heard devastating testimony from survivors, descendants, communities, and leaders about the impact of these schools decades later—a legacy of enduring trauma passed down from parent to child to grandchild to great-grandchild, fracturing families and communities over and over again.

I want you to imagine a Native community with no kids left, just the parents and grandparents. Imagine, not just the trauma for that group of children who were abducted, but what kind of community is left there. As a parent, I would be absolutely catatonic for the rest of my life—across Indian reservations and Hawaiian homelands and Alaska Native communities, from coast to coast in cities and in rural communities. And we see it manifest in so many ways with Native communities, whether it is higher rates of mental health challenges or substance abuse or suicide.

So it is not enough to just face up to the wrongs of the past; although, that is essential. It is equally important to provide justice and support for survivors and descendants. The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act does both of these things. The bill establishes a Truth and Healing Commission as well as several advisory bodies tasked with uncovering the full scope of what took place at these schools. The Commission will provide a platform for survivors to share their experience, for the Nation to hear and acknowledge their pain. Doing so ensures that these stories are preserved and that the atrocities are never forgotten.

Importantly, this bill is sensitive to the trauma experienced by survivors and descendants and requires the Commission to provide them with trauma-informed care.

Ultimately, the Commission's final report will provide a comprehensive account of the boarding school era and recommendations to Congress for future action.

Madam President, before I close, I want to take a moment to directly acknowledge the survivors, the descendants, the families, and the communities that have been devastated by these policies. Some of them are here with us today in the Gallery. Their advocacy and courage have been the driving force behind this bill. And the fact that we have reached this point—having passed the bill unanimously out of Committee and ready to consider it before the full U.S. Senate—is testament to their unwavering commitment to truth and justice.

Their stories will not be forgotten. This bill is not just a legislative act; it is a moral imperative. It is our duty to unflinchingly confront the full scope of this shameful history and help to heal the deep pains this very body helped create.

We can't change the past, but we can and we must shape a better future—a future where the mistakes of the past are never again repeated, where every child can grow up with pride in their heritage and their identity.

I urge my colleagues to join me and Senator MURKOWSKI and all of the previous speakers and the author of this bill, Senator WARREN, in supporting this important legislation. Too many have waited too long for truth, for closure, and for justice. By passing this bill, we can finally begin the work.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam 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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SINCLAIR AND THE SINCLAIR REFINERY

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the town of Sinclair and the Sinclair Refinery in Sinclair, WY.

The town of Sinclair is undeniably unique and filled with a rich history of rural industrialization. Located in Central Carbon County, Sinclair is home to 366 residents. Its residents are fortunate to live in the charming and quaint "Oasis in the Desert."

Frank Kistler, the head of Producers and Refiners Corporation—P&R Co.—came to Wyoming in 1922 to find an area suitable for a refinery location. He chose a site close to the town of Rawlins, along both lanes of the Lincoln Highway. The ground was broken for the refinery in October 1922. The town was not yet established, so corporation officials lived in Rawlins. Workers resided in "Rag Town," run-down tents and shacks on the south side of the Union Pacific train tracks. March 13, 1923, marked the first day of operation for the Producers and Refiners Corporation Refinery. News about the refinery spread throughout the region, and business started to boom.

The land adjacent to the refinery was bought by P&R Co. in 1922–1923 so it could be used as a townsite. The refinery post office began receiving letters using the initials P&R Co. This led to the name "Parco" for the new town.

In 1924, Frank Kistler hired Fisher and Fisher, a Denver architectural firm, to design the style and layout of the town. The result was a Spanish colonial revival style, with a central plaza and fountain commemorating Frank Kistler. Most of the original

buildings remain standing today, illuminating the town's rich history and development.

With the town established, a community began to form. People flocked to the Parco Inn, a bustling 60-room hotel spanning an entire block. The Parco Inn housed a dry cleaner, bar, cafe, clothing stores, and a barber shop. It was the main attraction for the booming town and remains an important relic today.

Low crude oil prices during the Great Depression caused Frank Kistler's firm to sell the Parco holdings in 1934. The firm was purchased by Consolidated Oil—later Sinclair. The name Parco was changed to Sinclair in 1942. In 1967, the Sinclair Refining Company sold the townsite and buildings to local residents.

During World War II, the oil market improved due to increased demand. The war efforts comprised 24 percent of the Sinclair Corporation's total business. As the oil industry constantly shifted over the years, Sinclair continued to adapt and evolve.

The refinery is a cornerstone for the people in Sinclair and surrounding communities. Sinclair believes "if you take care of your people, your people will take care of you." The corporation focuses on job and community prosperity, which can be seen by their support to the residents of Sinclair and Rawlins, WY.

In 2022, the HF Sinclair Corporation was formed when Sinclair joined HollyFrontier Corporation. The Sinclair refinery is one of two operated in Wyoming by HF Sinclair.

Serving the greater Rocky Mountain region, the Sinclair Refinery runs a mix of Canadian and United States sweet and sour crudes. They process 94,000 barrels per day. The refinery site also contains a 10,000 barrels per day renewable diesel unit. This unit participates in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program pathways in California and British Columbia.

The Sinclair Refinery has 475 employees and an average of 350 contractors. During "turnarounds," there are over 3,000 contractors. Thank you to vice president and refinery manager Jim Ruble and his dedicated staff who keep this refinery in operation.

The town of Sinclair is led by mayor Cullan Meeks, vice mayor Michelle Serres, clerk/treasurer Becky Slater, assistant treasurer Gina Helmetag, and council members Forest Ortiz, David Robinson, and Brennan Dunlap.

On August 17, 2024, the town and refinery will celebrate this momentous occasion. They will commemorate their joint history with many festivities including a parade, lunch, a children's carnival, entertainment acts, and music bands. A fireworks display will close out the celebration.

It is an honor for me to rise in recognition of this significant milestone. I applaud the workers and citizens who have worked tirelessly to contribute to the success of this booming oil town

and refinery. They should be proud to welcome this momentous accomplishment. Congratulations to the town of Sinclair and the Sinclair Refinery on their 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO DAVIS BILLUPS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Davis for his hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Davis is a native of Virginia. He attends Southern Methodist University, where he studies history. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Davis for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO MOLLY FINLAY

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Molly for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Molly is a native of Virginia. She attends Vanderbilt University, where she studies law, history, and society. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Molly for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO DALJIT KAUR

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Daljit for her hard work as an intern in my office in Cheyenne, WY. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Daljit is a native of Burns. She is a sophomore at the University of Wyoming, where she studies accounting and economics. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Daljit for the dedication she has shown while working for

me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO MAEVE KNEPPER

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Maeve for her hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Maeve is a native of Cheyenne, WY. She will soon attend Georgetown University, as a Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellow, in pursuit of a M.S. in foreign service. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Maeve for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO ISABELLE RADAKOVICH

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Isabelle for her hard work as an intern in my office in Cheyenne, WY. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Isabelle is a native of Cody. She is a junior at Michigan State University, where she studies international relations and political theory and constitutional democracy. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Isabelle for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO COLE SHOLLY

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Cole for his hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Cole is a native of Yellowstone, WY. He attends Montana State University, where he studies business finance. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable

asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Cole for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO SABER SMITH

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Saber for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Saber is a native of Gillette, WY. He recently graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's in criminal justice and political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Saber for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE STEENBERGEN

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Grace for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Grace is a native of Pine Bluffs, WY. She attends Baylor University, where she studies political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Grace for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN-LUC WILSON

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jean-Luc for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jean-Luc is a native of Thermopolis, WY. He attends the University of Wyoming, where he studies political science and international studies. He