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EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today marks the 100th day of President Trump's return to the White House.

Trump 2.0 has hit Washington like a hurricane. By that, I mean President Trump is working hard to keep his promises, unleash America's golden age, and launch a revolution of common sense.

Let's take a look at some of these achievements.

First and foremost, President Trump secured the border. He did that by words he used at the joint session of Congress. All it took was a new President.

Today also marks Fentanyl Awareness Day. Fake pills laced with fentanyl are killing young people in the prime of their lives. President Trump is fighting tooth and nail to stop the flow of deadly fentanyl from China that is trafficked by dangerous drug cartels into our communities.

Here in the Senate, I led the passage of a bill that is entitled the HALT Fentanyl Act, but there is more work to do. Big Tech must be held accountable to protect young people from being targeted by drug traffickers on social media.

President Trump also promised to cut wasteful spending, unleash America's energy, bring back manufacturing

jobs, and get our trading partners to the negotiating table. And on that latter point, he is being very successful. The President is swinging for the fences, and he is running the bases.

Whichever political side of the fence you are on, one thing is for sure: President Trump ran on a platform, and he is serving on that platform. Promises made; promises kept. That is a refreshing change in this town. Seventy-seven million Americans voted for this President to get America roaring back to peace and prosperity. In these first 100 days, that is exactly what President Trump is doing, and we are just getting started.

Mr. President, I have time for other remarks that I would like to make at this point.

FBI

Mr. President, today I come to the floor to speak about the FBI and Arctic Frost. Arctic Frost was another political case against President Trump and also against whistleblowers.

Through records that I have already made public, the investigations' political origins are now firmly established. The case's origins are anti-Trump FBI Agent Thibault and his merry band of partisans—a partisanship that should never be present in our FBI. But I will show how it was present.

Partisan FBI agents and Department of Justice prosecutors led the charges as a tag team, causing political chaos to try and destroy President Trump. I have made these people's names public in document productions, and that is the way it should be.

We should let the American people know who threw our country into chaos to satisfy their very selfish political goals. We need to expose the political conspiracy that surrounded President Trump.

They hurt our country through several different processes. We call these Crossfire Hurricane, the Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of the "Russia, Russia Hoax," and, finally, Jack

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, thank You for Your love, expressed in the beauty of the Earth and the glory of the skies.

Lord, use the Members of this body as instruments of Your providence. Where there is loneliness, let them bring community. Where there is sadness, let them bring joy. Where there is sickness, let them bring health. Where there is despair, let them bring hope.

Lord, as they seek to serve You, give them the peaceful satisfaction of knowing that they are pleasing You. Strengthen them to press on with the work of the day, alert to the reality that they are doing Your will.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

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Smith's two cases against President Trump.

And now, added to this list is what I mentioned in my opening statement, Arctic Frost, which ultimately became one of Jack Smith's cases against President Trump.

FBI Agent Thibault violated the FBI's no self-approval rule. Literally, there is a rule on the books of the FBI called the no self-approval rule. That rule says that a supervisor isn't supposed to create a case and then approve that case for themselves.

The record shows—which Senator JOHNSON of Wisconsin and I made public, and which includes Thibault's emails—and proves that he did exactly what the no self-approval rule forbids. His bad conduct also exposed the cultural rot within the FBI and the DOJ's leadership.

"How?" you might ask. Because all of them eagerly approved of Thibault's case.

All of those alleged layers of review on the seventh floor of the FBI building turned out to be the Democratic National Committee's echo chamber. Our country suffered as a result and so have our government institutions. And now, President Trump and the American people have an opportunity to see the details of the political conspiracy that tried to take President Trump down.

Moreover, I questioned then-nominee Todd Blanche about whether Jack Smith provided all the emails that I made public to the Trump defense counsel. Blanche said that Biden prosecutors did not provide all the emails. Failing to provide these types of records and information to defense counsel prevents defense counsel from making a complete defense. It prevents them from full and complete questioning of all the witnesses.

It is pretty obvious that, if the defense team knew that partisan FBI agents had opened the case against Trump in breach of FBI rules, they would have been able to raise those issues and have a really strong defense. Talk about a miscarriage of justice. That is a perfect example of people in the FBI doing a miscarriage of justice.

By the way, I haven't heard a peep from my Democratic colleagues about Arctic Frost.

During Trump's first term, then-ranking member Senator Feinstein of California joined my investigation into the alleged Russian collusion, which we found such a collusion did not occur. No Democrats have asked me anything about Arctic Frost even though I have shown them and the entire public internal FBI emails proving political rot in our top law enforcement Agency.

If you are afraid to follow the facts and to follow the evidence in this town, if you don't ask questions, you will never have any credibility. The silence of my Democratic colleagues and the partisan media speaks volumes, and the American people won't long forget that.

I will end on this note: All of these internal FBI records about Arctic Frost that I made public—well, I didn't get them from this administration. I got them from heroic whistleblowers, people in the bowels of bureaucracy that know something is not right and they aren't getting the attention of the people that supervise them. They eventually end up coming to this Senator. Those whistleblowers have shown how the FBI and how the Department of Justice unfairly treated Trump and grasped at straws to build a case—any case—for their political gain.

So as my investigation work continues, let me be sure to thank these brave whistleblowers who have helped this Senator expose this political rot within our top law enforcement institutions—exposure that is necessary to bring to light that which must be fixed for the benefit of our country and reestablishing the credibility of our FBI.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, it has been 100 days of the new Trump administration, and President Trump is delivering. Run down elements of the Republican agenda: securing our border, restoring American strength, extending tax relief for hard-working Americans, unleashing American energy, saving taxpayer dollars, and restoring common sense after an administration obsessed with imposing far-left, woke ideology—and President Trump has made progress on them all.

After 4 years of increasing energy instability under the Biden administration, on day one, President Trump declared a national emergency on energy and started moving to unleash American energy production.

He has ended President Biden's electric vehicle mandate, which was guaranteed to place vast new burdens on our already shaky electric grid, opened up oil and gas production, rescinded burdensome energy regulations, and a whole lot more.

His administration has restored common sense to Washington after the Biden administration's attempt to impose far-left, woke ideologies on the American people. Notably, President Trump issued an Executive order to prevent biological males from hijacking sports for women and girls.

Of course, the President has been working closely with the House and Senate on legislation to permanently extend the tax relief he signed into law during his first administration—tax relief to put more money in hard-working Americans' pockets.

We took a big step forward in that process with congressional passage of a budget resolution in April, and we are moving toward a final bill—a bill that will not only make tax relief permanent but will also deliver on other President Trump and Republican priorities. That includes investment in our military and restoring our national defense, securing our border, and reforming the way we spend taxpayer dollars.

Speaking of the border, at the top of any list of President Trump's accomplishments is the incredible progress the President has made when it comes to securing our border. I don't need to tell anyone what things were like at our southern border in the last administration. It flat-out was chaos. President Biden presided over 4 years of record-breaking illegal immigration at our southern border, with all the dangers that represents.

President Trump promised that he would put an end to the Biden border crisis and restore order and respect for the rule of law, and in just 100 days—100 days—he has delivered to an incredible degree.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported just 11,709 encounters at our southern border in February and just 11,017 in March—nothing short of a dizzying drop. To put those February and March numbers into perspective, during February 2024 and March 2024, under the Biden administration, encounters at our southern border numbered 189,913 in February and 189,359 in March. Think about that—189,000 down to 11,000 in a year. What a difference leadership makes—a 94-percent decrease in illegal crossings at our southern border. That is an incredible achievement, and America is safer because of it.

I have to say it is a reminder that had President Biden actually cared about border security, he could have secured the border at any time during his administration. President Trump has managed to do it in mere weeks.

I should also note that not only has President Trump drastically reduced attempted illegal entries, but he has also focused on rounding up dangerous illegal aliens who are resident in our country: gang members, individuals charged with murder, rape, theft, sexual crimes against children, and the list goes on and on.

The President has also taken steps, along with Congress, to stop the deadly cross-border trade in fentanyl, which affects communities around our country. I know those efforts are going to continue.

Open borders represent a real security threat, and I am incredibly grateful for the work President Trump has done to secure our borders and to protect our country.

One hundred days. If this is what President Trump has accomplished in his first 3 months, I can't wait to see what is to come.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.