

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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, Donald Trump's first 100 days have been 100 days from hell. Over the past week, as I have thought about this 100-day mark, as I have met with people throughout my State—with business owners and nurses and seniors and veterans and many Republicans—I couldn't think of another way to describe the sentiment I felt back home. These 100 days have been 100 days from hell.

Donald Trump is not governing like a President of a democratic republic; he is acting like a King, a despot, a want-to-be dictator. Remember that during the campaign, he indicated that he would be a dictator just on day one, but everything we have seen so far shows he wants to be a dictator for much, much longer.

He is eating away at America's rule of law, America's norms, America's fundamental values, and people are scared, people are angry.

When seniors in Buffalo tell me they are legitimately worried about whether or not they will keep seeing their Social Security checks—and that is not just a political expression. They wonder how they are going to pay the rent, buy the food, buy the drugs next month if their Social Security check isn't there.

When doctors and health workers in Albany tell me they fear losing Medicaid funding for their hospitals and clinics, they are worried about caring for their patients, who desperately need help and may not get it, they are worried about their jobs.

When Republican businessowners on Long Island tell me they are losing sleep over Donald Trump's tariffs, it is because their businesses may go under. This is not just a political game. People are really worried, in ways that I haven't seen in a long time.

And when young people across New York tell me they are scared of being rounded up on the streets and sent to a prison in Louisiana because of the way they look or because of some blog post they may have shared a year ago or years ago, it is hard to fathom that this is all happening in America in 2025.

Mr. President, 100 days into this Presidency, there is a feeling of incompetence and indecision and chaos in the White House eating away at much of the country, emanating from the man who occupies the Oval Office.

Donald Trump promised a golden age on the first day he became President. What Americans got, instead, was

fool's gold. We knew Donald Trump was lying by the time he pardoned 1,600 insurrectionists a few hours later, pardoned outright criminals who beat up cops—so much for “Back the Blue”—pardoning lawbreakers who had an intent on disrupting the Congress as we counted electoral votes. What a disgrace. What kind of morals is he setting for this country? This will go down in history as one of the ways America has declined under Donald Trump.

So, this morning, let's talk about Donald Trump's so-called golden age. Democrats are going to hammer away at this topic all day long today, as we have done many days in the past. And tonight we will come to this Chamber and hold the floor until late tonight to mark these dismal 100 days by speaking the truth. Tonight, we will come to the floor and hold the Chamber to mark these dismal 100 days.

What is the truth? The truth is this: No President in modern history has promised more on day one and delivered less by day 100 than Donald Trump. In record time, the President has turned a golden promise into an economic ticking time bomb. It is getting worse every day, and he calls it progress.

Let's remember what Donald Trump said again and again on the campaign trail.

Starting on day one—

He said—

we will end inflation and make America affordable again.

A vote for Trump—

He said—

means your groceries will be cheaper.

We are going to get your energy prices down by 50 percent.

Well, the opposite is happening. The economic winds are pointing in the wrong direction and reaching hurricane speed. Americans are still paying more and more today for their groceries, their rent, their housing, their gas, their cars, auto parts, drugs, and household necessities. And Donald Trump's asinine trade war has made it all the worse.

And 44 percent of families now believe they will be worse off financially a year from now—a level of pessimism not even seen during the Great Depression or the 1970s' stagflation.

According to an AP-NORC poll, half of Americans are worried about a recession and expect inflation to keep going up. And these aren't just poll numbers. When I talk to New Yorkers, when I hear from Americans, that is exactly where they are at. Consumer sentiment is at a decades-long low. It has plunged by 30 percent. So the consumer is holding back. They are not spending. They are not planning that trip to see the grandkids. They are not thinking of buying the new car or new furniture because they are worried.

And then businesses—seeing that, hearing that—they hold back. I have heard from business after business,

large and small. Everything is on freeze. Everything is hold. And you know what that does? That leads to a recession.

In fact, Amazon announced that they will begin displaying how much tariffs contribute to the total price of products to consumers. I urge more companies—particularly national retailers that compete with Amazon—to adopt this practice. If Amazon has the courage to display why prices are going up because of tariffs, so should all of our other national retailers who compete with them, and I am calling on them to do it now.

To the large businesses that sell to consumers, I say: Show your customers how much tariffs are hurting their pocketbooks. People deserve to know the impact tariffs have on their finances. And certainly, when people hear it, they will let their Congressmen and Senators know. And businesses, then you will have a chance to get rid of these tariffs, which are so stultifying your ability to move forward.

And it is also small businesses. They don't want to get blamed for hiking prices when Donald Trump's tariffs have put them in a terrible position—in a position that says: Raise your prices or close your doors. They hate doing either.

And, finally, let's not forget Donald Trump's favorite measuring stick, the stock market, which he has conspicuously been silent about over the last few months. The Dow Jones is on track for its worst April since 1932.

Did you hear that, Donald Trump? Your beloved stock market is on track for the worst April since 1932, the last year of Herbert Hoover.

I ask this Chamber, Mr. President: Is this what the golden age looks like? Are we supposed to feel good that Donald Trump has singlehandedly pushed us to the brink of a recession? This President, who governs chaotically and reverses himself like a weather vane in a windstorm, is driving the robust American economy into a ditch.

I think if you asked Americans to pick one word that describes Donald Trump's economy and how he is handling it, it would be one word, a five-letter word: chaos, C-H-A-O-S. Another five-letter word is Trump, T-R-U-M-P. Chaos equals Trump; Trump equals chaos.

Are Americans supposed to just take it when Donald Trump says families should be OK with prices going up, with experiencing some pain and disturbance? That is what he says: It is OK if prices go up. You will get some pain and disturbance.

Pretty rich coming from a billionaire.

American consumers are not supposed to take it. There is precious little, if anything, on the economic front to feel good about 100 days into Trump 2.0.

And don't take it from me. Today, Donald Trump has lower approval ratings than he did at this point in 2017;