The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 78, Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

John Thune, Jim Justice, Ted Cruz, Bernie Moreno, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, John R. Curtis, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Eric Schmitt, Katie Boyd Britt, John Barrasso

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 62, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Ex.]

YEAS—62

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Bennet	Hassan	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rosen
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	King	Shaheen
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Warner
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Graham	Moran	

NAYS—36

Alsobrooks	Booker	Durbin
Baldwin	Cantwell	Fetterman
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Gallego
Blunt Rochester	Duckworth	Gillibrand
Heinrich	Murphy	Schumer
Hirono	Murray	Slotkin
Kaine	Ossoff	Smith
Kelly	Padilla	Van Hollen
Kim	Peters	Warnock
Luján	Reed	Warren
Markey	Schatz	Welch
Merkley	Schiff	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Sanders Whitehouse

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). On this vote, the yeas are 62, the nays are 36.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, this week, we honor and celebrate the 100th day of our 47th President, Donald J. Trump. I don't know about you, but it has been a blur to many of us, but I believe it has been a bold blur.

As I searched over the last week to think about the words to describe these first 100 days, I think of the word ''consequential,'' that these first 100 days have been some of the most consequential we have ever seen in America's history. And I think about a vision. I think my vision is this big ship we call America, and she is slowly changing course back into the wind, and it is a good direction. At times, we have to tack into the wind, but the direction is positive. And it is exciting for me to see an 11-point surge in optimism in this country in January of this year alone.

But to sum it up, what I have seen in these first 100 days is a return to American greatness—a return to American greatness. And I think I see a theme of ''promises made, promises kept'' by this President.

You know, first and foremost, President Trump campaigned to secure our border. That was his top priority, to secure our border. Think about what has happened since he was sworn in. Under Joe Biden, we saw on days 10,000 people crossing our border illegally. Some days, it was 11,000. But under President Trump, we are now averaging less than 300 of those border crossings a day. We went from 10,000 a day to 300 a day. That is a promise made and a promise kept.

President Trump also campaigned that he would make your families safer and more secure. To that end, he has deported 130,000 violent criminal aliens. As I travel the State and talk to law enforcement officers, to a person, they tell me that the number of violent crimes is down, that fentanyl poisoning is down. Indeed, the President's plan of securing our border has led to the health and safety of our families.

President Trump promised that he would roll back regulations. To that end, of his 135 Executive orders, many have done just that—cutting redtape and saving American families some $2,000 each. Another promise made and another promise kept.

President Trump said, ''We are going to drill, baby, drill''—one of my favorite expressions from his campaign, ''drill, baby, drill.'' Indeed, America once again is drilling. We have seen gasoline prices drop across America. It was common just a couple years ago under Joe Biden to see gasoline at over $4 a gallon. Today, all across the State of Kansas, it is averaging under $2.60 a gallon. So it has dropped from $4 to $2.60 a gallon. That is a promise made and a promise kept.

Well, what about groceries? you ask. Last month, we saw the smallest increase in the Consumer Price Index since the spring of 2020. Since COVID, since the start of COVID, this is the smallest increase in grocery prices we have seen.

Now, it would take 30 minutes, maybe an hour, for me to talk about all of the things that President Trump has accomplished in these first 100 days, but I want to just highlight a few more. He terminated the EV mandate. He has slowed the green energy transition. He has ended boys in girls sports. Under DOGE, he has cut over $100 billion, saving American taxpayers money. He got America out of the World Health Organization and out of the Paris climate agreement, establishing once again that he is an American-first President.

But one thing I am really excited about is this economic boom we are starting to see that President Trump talked about, the $7 trillion of investment into America that has been promised, and so much of that is going to lead to good-paying manufacturing jobs, jobs with benefits, and we are seeing that already across the State of Kansas.

These last 2 weeks, I was very purposeful, visiting several of our manufacturing companies, probably a dozen of them. To a company, each one was describing the increase in sales they are having, a big increase in the number of products that are wanted in the future. Why? Because they are American-made, because they are using American steel and American aluminum. I think that is what we can do with this Trump economy, is that his tariffs are bringing those manufacturing jobs back to this country, and, indeed, they are great jobs.

I want to take a second here and put up a poster, Mr. President.

You know, much has been made about the stock market the last week or two, but I think this chart of the Dow Jones Industrial Average over the last 100 years is another sign of American greatness. You know, there have been days that aren't as good, but the trend here is what? It is upward. And you look at just the last several days,

the last week here, there is a small little blip, a very small blip, but in relationship to what?

I would remind Americans that the Dow today is up 5 percent compared to a year ago. The NASDAQ is up almost 10 percent compared to a year ago. The trend is the right way. And I don't know about you, but I am betting on America. We have had 5 days in a row now of the Dow Jones increasing in value. That is the longest winning streak we have seen in almost a year. And who knows—maybe today will be the sixth day where we have seen the Dow go up as well. But, to me, this stock market is another example of American greatness, and I wouldn't bet against us.

Look, my belief is that President Trump has declared the apology tour is over with, that we are boldly putting America and Americans first. Gone is the despair of the Biden era. Today, families are safer, life is more affordable, and traditional family values are now thriving.

Young Americans now have a renewed hope that they can chase their own American dream. That dream was gone the last 4 or 5 years, but today, the American dream is alive and well. What does that American dream look like? Raising a family, owning a home, and building a brighter future.

I think a lot of this is due to President Trump's leadership because he is delivering strength, prosperity, and opportunity to Americans.

Again, 100 days—promises made, promises kept.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, if you look clearly at the facts as they are today, by any measure, Donald Trump's first 100 days have been disastrous—not a success—for regular Americans and our Constitution.

His administration has been marked by mismanagement, poor leadership, prickly egos, and policies that punch down rather than offer a hand up. In fact, that is reflected in the polls—not in January but today—where his approval rating is the lowest of any President at the 100-day mark, I believe, in the history of this country. And as a result of these policies, America's economy and our standing in the eyes of our allies have fallen significantly.

He has granted Elon Musk free reign to enter any Federal Agency and ferret through the data and files and personal information of every American citizen. And my impression of Mr. Musk: He doesn't do anything unless there is a profit connected to it.

Musk and DOGE are rifling through our IRS and Social Security records. Meanwhile, Americans can't get their questions answered about their Social Security benefits because Mr. Musk and DOGE and President Trump have cut staff and administrative funding. They have even tried to cut the phone lines for basic services. And Trump officials just laugh it off.

Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, a billionaire—which is not unusual in the Trump circuit—said on a podcast:

> Let's say Social Security didn't send out their checks this month. My mother-in-law, who's 94, she wouldn't call and complain. She just wouldn't. She'd think something got messed up, and she'll get it next month. A fraudster always makes the loudest noise, screaming, yelling and complaining.

Well, that is very easy for a billionaire and his family to say: I don't think they would miss their Social Security check. But for working Americans who depend on Social Security, their retirement benefits, their disability benefits—just to make ends meet, to have food on the table—they would certainly miss the delay of a Social Security check.

And it is not just the Social Security Administration. We also know President Trump has purged Federal employees by the thousands, without regard for their job performance or the importance of their work—every agency, from the office that runs the LIHEAP program to the National Weather Service, to the National Nuclear Security Administration.

LIHEAP is essential to my constituents in the wintertime. That is how they stay warm. That is how they are able to live.

The National Weather Service is renowned for its incredibly accurate and detailed and scientifically based forecasts. In fact, we all depend upon it and, I am told, particularly farmers in the Midwest, because if you are trying to figure out the day to plant your crops, you better know what the temperature is going to be in the morning and at noontime and in the evening.

And the National Nuclear Security Administration is critical to protecting our nuclear weapons and developing them. I was in the airport in Providence, RI, and a young woman came up to me and said: Excuse me, Senator, but, 5 days ago, I was fired from the NNSA because I was a provisional worker. I got a call last night to get back as soon as possible—because the ability to protect and to develop our nuclear weapons could not be sustained without the presence of that lady and many others.

And yet, given all of these issues, he has populated his administration with leadership that, at best, is uninterested in the challenges facing average Americans and, too often, unqualified to do the jobs they were hired to perform.

He has withheld funding that was legally and constitutionally appropriated by Congress. He, in fact, has ignored the Constitution and Congress. One of his first acts was to fire the inspectors general throughout the government. Such a measure, by law, requires notice to Congress and 30 days' wait. He ignored that. And why? Well, if you are going to systematically break the law, you might as well get rid of those people who are checking on whether the law is properly enforced.

He is defunding libraries and Head Start centers and halting critical medical research.

He has closed the Agency for International Development and even withheld funding to feed starving children here in America and across the globe, and he has done incredible damage to our standing in the world.

And as a result of his efforts to completely undermine the USAID, what is happening? Well, I will tell you what is happening: China is moving aggressively to take our place. And so, to people across the globe, when they look around and ask: Who is our friend? China?

That is not good for us, and that is not what we, as Americans, have done for many, many years.

He has also essentially extorted law firms to represent him and his causes for free.

He has attempted to dictate how our colleges and universities are run, whom they hire and what they teach, essentially changing a prosperous knowledge-based economy—that is what we were talking about. That is how we would compete in the world. We are the knowledge-based economy. We are the innovators. We are changing everything. When you destroy our university systems and our health research systems, you turn a knowledge-based economy into a failing, ignorance-based economy.

He has deported American citizens, threatened to annex Greenland, boosted Russia, and somehow found a way to alienate Canada, our neighbor and ally.

Each of these items on its own would be a cause for outrage, but Trump hopes that he will overwhelm Americans by ''flooding the zone'' with one stunt after another. But the inescapable fact is, his policies are hurting the American people, and they see it—not last January at the inauguration but today when they are looking at prices that are still too high; when they are evaluating his promise of ending inflation on the first day and solving the Ukrainian crisis on the first day. They see it in the prices they pay at the grocery store, in the cost of a new car or a new home.

Sadly, it looks like it is going to get worse for American families. Researchers at Yale University estimate that Donald Trump's current tariff regime—not including the tariffs he announced then backed away from—the current tariffs in place today will raise costs by $4,900 for families this year while increasing inflation as high as 5.5 percent and cutting economic growth.

Other analysts project new car prices will rise by as much as $12,000 and new home prices by more than $9,000. I have spoken to multiple Rhode Island companies whose suppliers are already sending them higher quotes for their goods.

Goldman Sachs estimates that the President's baseline 10-percent tariff on

all imports would lead to fewer—not more—American jobs. Goldman estimates that this tariff will lead to roughly 400,000 fewer jobs nationwide.

Markets continue to move wildly as he erratically threatens schemes like doing away with the independence of the Federal Reserve, firing the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, and trying to seize the power to lower interest rates themselves, manipulating interest rates themselves and future tariffs. We are still in this uncertain period because he just suspended them for 90 days. If these future tariffs come back, it would rock the market again.

And by the way, when the market was collapsing after his grand announcement, where was he? He was in Florida at his golf course where the Saudis and others have sent millions of dollars to him so they could host a tournament, and he could play golf with them. That is not the definition of Presidential leadership.

Before Trump undertook his campaign of economic chaos, the economy was on a good trajectory. In fact, that chart illustrates the trajectory. These Trump tariffs have been a huge blunder. Instead of implementing a thoughtful policymaking process to boost key domestic manufacturing, the President has chosen a blunt, blanket-tariff approach. In doing so, he has treated allies like enemies and driven global partners into the arms of China.

What we are seeing now and what we will experience in the coming months: higher prices for families, fewer jobs, smaller retirement accounts, and a weaker economy. And it is entirely on the shoulders of the President. It is a self-inflicted wound on the economy and the American people.

But it appears that the President isn't done. He wants a ''big, beautiful bill.'' And what is in that ''big, beautiful bill?'' Big cuts for Medicaid and SNAP, which feeds children and disabled Americans, and big giveaways to the donors who financed his campaign and populate his administration. The American people see it, and survey after survey proves they do.

The question is whether my colleagues, Senate Republicans, will go along with that. Will they listen to the people of America or will they still be under the thrall of Donald Trump?

Americans deserve better than cuts to Medicaid. They deserve an economy headed upward, not backward. And they deserve a President who respects the Constitution and the rule of law that made our society and our economy the ''shining city on the hill,'' as President Reagan once said.

The first 100 days of chaos and self-inflicted damage must end. It is time for America's business leaders and congressional Republicans to stand up and join us all in saying enough is enough.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

WATER TREATY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I want to start my remarks today by thanking President Trump, Secretary Rollins, Secretary Rubio, and Deputy Secretary of State Landau for their efforts in securing a new agreement with the country of Mexico to send much needed water to South Texas.

This has been a longstanding problem. I remember years ago being in Mexico City when I was attorney general of Texas talking about getting the Mexican Government to live up to their responsibilities under this treaty, which requires them to deliver water to the United States on a regular basis. But their habit has been to delay the delivery of that water until the end of the 5-year period of the treaty. Obviously, in the interim, Mexican farmers have the water they need to grow the crops they need to grow and leave Texas agriculture high and dry.

But it is important that we get this water flowing again because Mexico has repeatedly refused to comply with the terms of the treaty in a timely manner.

We worked with the Biden administration. I remember talking to Secretary Blinken and introducing legislation, talking to my colleagues across the aisle about coming up with some carrots and sticks that we might be able to use to get Mexico to live up to its responsibilities, but the Biden administration really wasn't particularly interested in solving the problem.

I have been working here in the Congress, as have my colleagues both in the Senate and the House, particularly our Texas delegation in the House of Representatives, to get them to live up to their responsibilities, and I think we have come to realize that the current treaty, which was signed back in 1944, has become obsolete; that we need some interim measures and metrics to ensure that there are regular annual water deliveries for Texas and our agricultural industry. But yesterday's announcement was an important step forward doing just that. And, again, I thank the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Deputy Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State for their efforts to secure this important and long-overdue payment of water to south Texas.

CRITICAL MINERALS SECURITY ACT

Mr. President, we were all back home in our States during these last 2 weeks, and one visit I made during this trip back home was to visit the Fort Worth site of a company called MP Materials, a facility that has aptly been nicknamed ''Independence.''

This impressive plant is the Nation's first fully integrated rare earth metal alloy and magnet manufacturing facility. Not only is this the first of its kind in America, it is the largest producer of rare earth minerals in the Western Hemisphere. Their mine is in California, but they actually process them in Texas and turn them into magnets.

You may wonder, What is the big deal? Why are magnets so important? Well, if you think about it, magnets are involved in almost every type of electric motor, whether it is for commercial applications or national security applications.

In particular, MP Materials produces these magnets for General Motors as well as essential components for various vehicles, drones, robotics, electronics, aerospace, and defense systems.

When we talk about critical minerals, there is a lot of confusion because it sounds pretty technical. But it has real-world impact on everyday Americans, on our economy, and on our national security. From our iPhones to the cars we drive, even our washing machines, without the magnets that these minerals produce, society would come to a screeching halt, as dependent as we are on electricity and everything driven by electricity.

Naturally, the work of this company, MP Materials, has implications not only for the Texas economy but for our entire Nation's national security. It reminds me a little bit of the epiphany we had post-COVID that we were almost completely dependent on Asia for advanced semiconductors and the fact that America once held a leading role in manufacturing these advanced semiconductors that basically ran everything with an off and on switch. But we have become almost entirely dependent on Taiwan and South Korea to produce these advanced semiconductors.

Again, COVID woke up a lot of us with regard to the vulnerability of our supply chains, and certainly advanced semiconductors was one of those. The rare earth mineral processing is another.

The ability to produce critical minerals and process them here at home is a critical step to safeguarding our supply chains from the Chinese Communist Party. There are risks from relying substantially on our greatest strategic adversary, China, for the production and manufacturing of these resources.

America used to have dominance in this area, not unlike semiconductors and quantum computing. In fact, we were, at one point, the largest producer of rare earth elements in the world, from the 1960s until about 1985. That was when China entered the picture and began ramping up their rare earth mining and processing capabilities.

As a result of a 40-year strategy that included both domestic investment and trade barriers, China has usurped our place as the global leader in producing rare earth elements.

But they didn't stop with domestic manufacturing. China has also been aggressively buying up critical mineral facilities in countries around the world