

magnate who helped lead those Trump fundraising efforts during the Presidential campaign, immediately shoot up.

On April 9, this really curious timeline of events plays out, which Trump posts on his social media:

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!!

A lot of his followers comply. They make investments in the market. There are reports and speculation that many of his inner circle might have done the same thing. A couple of hours later, he announces he is pausing most of his tariffs. The market shoots up. People who followed his directions online make a lot of money, and, potentially, other people who had access to that insider information might have made a lot of money as well.

On April 17, Musk steers billions of taxpayer dollars to something called the Golden Dome. Reuters, on April 17, reports that Elon Musk's rocket and satellite company, SpaceX, has emerged as the frontrunner to develop Trump's proposed Golden Dome. This is an ill-defined, technologically unproven defense system. It supposedly has a pricetag of hundreds of billions of dollars—money that now looks as if it will be funneled directly to Elon Musk. At this point, it is head-shaking.

On April 23—now he can do anything he wants. It is like he has just blown the lid off of any expectations about what a President can and cannot do to enrich himself. On April 23, a message appears on the homepage of the website for Trump's meme coin, declaring the top 220 meme coin holders would be invited for an exclusive dinner with Trump, and the top 25 coin holders—these are private investors in Donald Trump's financial empire—would get a "Special VIP Tour" of the White House.

After the message went up, the price of Trump's coin jumped by more than 50 percent. In the 2 days following the announcement of the "Special VIP Tour" in the "People's House"—the White House—Trump and his allies made nearly \$1 million in trading fees alone. They are just selling access to the White House out in the open.

On April 26, Trump's family—this is just last weekend—announces the launch of a private club called the Executive Branch, a new private club in Washington. The initiation fee is around a half-million dollars. It is advertised as a place where you can hold secret audiences with the Trump administration, as long as you pay Donald Trump's family and their financial backers over \$500,000 in membership fees. It has apparently already sold out.

This is not normal. None of this is normal. This is outlandish. This is illegal. This is unconstitutional, brazen corruption, and this is only the first 100 days.

I just detailed 40 instances of mind-blowing corruption in just 40 days, capped off by an attempt to just sell access to the White House to people

who put money in the pockets of Donald Trump's personal businesses.

Donald Trump wants to numb this country into believing that this is just how government works, that he is owed this, that every President is owed this—that the government has always been corrupt, and he is just doing it out in the open.

This is not how government works. This has been the story of his first 100 days, but it is our choice as a nation to allow it to be the story of the rest of his term. We need to expose what he is doing. We need to rally everybody, from the left to the right. Nobody in this country—whether you are a hardened conservative or a hardened progressive—should root for the President of the United States to be enriching himself off of this position. We need to rally this Nation against this corruption and bring it to an end because if Donald Trump gets what he wants and we just start allowing our government's leaders to openly steal from us during the first 100 days or for the rest of his term, then, I am telling you, American democracy is not going to survive.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Senator from Idaho.

NOMINATIONS OF THOMAS BARRACK AND TILMAN FERTITTA

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, on a more credible note, I hope, I am here to speak on two noms that we have coming up. There is going to be a vote on confirmation of Thomas Barrack to be Ambassador for Türkiye and a vote on Tilman Fertitta for the nomination to be Ambassador for Italy.

I want to speak first to the nomination of Thomas Barrack for Ambassador to Türkiye. As you know—as everyone knows—Türkiye is a critical U.S. and NATO ally. I use that word ally judiciously. They have been the recalcitrant ally, from time to time, lately and have been difficult. Nonetheless, we have gotten through those things, but it has been far from lock-step with America in supporting our mutual interests.

While Türkiye hosts NATO and American forces and has supported efforts toward peace in Ukraine, it has troubling—troubling—ties to Russia and Hamas. Türkiye also has a difficult track record on human rights and has repressed dissent both in and outside of its borders.

Mr. Barrack is the right man to tackle this challenging post. He will help President Trump and Secretary Rubio protect national security interests from the many threats we face. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting the confirmation of Thomas Barrack.

Next, I want to move to the nomination of Tillman Fertitta for Ambassador to Italy.

Italy remains a close ally, an important partner in Europe, and is a special place for a lot of Americans. While there are deep cultural ties, there re-

main a number of areas where significant improvement is needed.

On trade, U.S. producers have a hard time getting access to the Italian market, in part because of EU regulations—certainly, not the fault of Italy. But, nonetheless, the difficulty is there. There are also domestic industries that find creative barriers to keep U.S. products out.

In the security space, Italy remains below NATO's 2 percent spending requirement. This is really hard to understand, based on both the challenges Putin has created for European security but also due to the substantial security threats Italy faces from the Mediterranean and from North Africa.

I am confident that Mr. Fertitta will help address these issues and ensure the U.S.-Italian relationship only continues to grow stronger.

I encourage my colleagues to support his nomination. I know this nomination vote is going to be a bipartisan vote, and there are certainly Democrats that feel very strongly about Mr. Fertitta for good reason. He is a good man. He deserves the vote. I hope everyone will join us in voting for this confirmation.

I yield the floor.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Fertitta nomination.

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

VOTE ON BARRACK NOMINATION

Mr. RISCH. I ask unanimous consent that we move immediately to the vote on the two nominations.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Barrack nomination?

Mr. RISCH. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

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

The result was announced—60 yeas, 36 nays, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Ex.]

YEAS—60

Banks	Cotton	Hawley
Barrasso	Cramer	Hoeven
Bennet	Crapo	Husted
Blackburn	Cruz	Hyde-Smith
Boozman	Curtis	Johnson
Britt	Daines	Justice
Budd	Ernst	Kennedy
Capito	Fischer	Klobuchar
Cassidy	Graham	Lankford
Collins	Grassley	Lee
Coons	Hagerty	Lummis
Cornyn	Hassan	Marshall

McConnell	Ricketts	Sheehy
McCormick	Risch	Sullivan
Moody	Rosen	Thune
Moran	Rounds	Tillis
Moreno	Schmitt	Tuberville
Mullin	Scott (FL)	Warner
Murkowski	Scott (SC)	Wicker
Paul	Shaheen	Young

NAYS—36

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

NOT VOTING—4

Hickenlooper	Sanders
King	Whitehouse

The nomination was confirmed.

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 actions.

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 bill 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. 79, Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

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 Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH)

and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 13, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Ex.]

YEAS—84

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Moreno
Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Bennet	Hagerty	Ossoff
Blackburn	Hassan	Padilla
Booker	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Heinrich	Peters
Britt	Hickenlooper	Reed
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
Cantwell	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rosen
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schiff
Coons	Kaine	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kim	Shaheen
Cramer	King	Sheehy
Crapo	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Cruz	Lankford	Sullivan
Curtis	Lee	Thune
Daines	Lujan	Tillis
Duckworth	Lummis	Tuberville
Durbin	Marshall	Warner
Ernst	McConnell	Warnock
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Wyden
Galleo	Moran	Young

NAYS—13

Alsobrooks	Merkley	Smith
Blumenthal	Murphy	Van Hollen
Blunt Rochester	Murray	Warren
Hirono	Schatz	
Markey	Schumer	

NOT VOTING—3

Sanders	Welch	Whitehouse
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 84, the nays are 13.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, today, President Trump completes the first 100 days of his return to the White House, and it has been nothing short of transformational.

Under President Trump and Vice President VANCE's leadership, we are witnessing the rapid implementation of campaign promises that are already reshaping America's policy landscape. When I go home to Wyoming each weekend, people approach me everywhere, from restaurants to the feed store, eager to discuss the positive changes happening in Washington. The overwhelming sentiment is enthusiasm for what President Trump is accomplishing for everyday Americans.

For example, on day one, President Trump restored the dignity of men and women as biologically distinct sexes. It is hard to believe he had to do that, but, indeed, he did. One of the administration's first major actions was signing an Executive order directing Federal Agencies to recognize biological sex in athletic competition.

The left spent the past 4 years gaslighting Americans and making the failed argument that biological males should now be competing in women's sports in the name of fairness. Within a few weeks of taking office, President Trump tackled this issue and made it clear that this administration won't support the left's attack on female athletes. I believe this is the women's rights issue of our time, and I am grateful for President Trump's leadership.

For some people my age, we spent so many years trying to exercise our rights under title IX and other rights to recognize women's rights, only to have them swept under the rug and disregarded by the left, requiring that women not only compete against men but have them in their locker rooms in what were uncomfortable and, in some times, unsafe circumstances. President Trump recognized this and, thankfully, has put that issue to rest for a while.

President Trump is also delivering on his promise to unleash American energy dominance. A few weeks ago, I joined President Trump and some of my colleagues at the White House for his signing of an Executive order that starts to reverse the Biden and Obama administrations' anti-coal agenda. For energy States like Wyoming, the official lifting of the unconstitutional coal moratorium represents a significant economic opportunity for western States.

By removing unnecessary restrictions on energy extraction, the administration has signaled its commitment to blue collar jobs, cheaper energy for American families, and a new era of energy dominance.

Joe Biden and his administration didn't care about the impact their regulations have on working-class people. The Trump administration does care, and they are continuing to take action that will help Americans and our amazing energy communities.

Wyoming exports 12 times more energy than it consumes; and much of that is in the form of hydrocarbons. And each and every year, for years after the Clean Air Act passed, we were producing more energy and producing cleaner air. These things can happen simultaneously. And it is because of Yankee ingenuity and it is because we know how to do things better all the time, we don't have to accept the status quo when it comes to energy dominance.

But there were certain people in the Biden administration that forced something called environmental justice, an absolutely trumped-up, dreamed-up idea that we can't have clean energy