

So now we come back to Chris Wright again, who is bringing that same attitude toward governing. And he just doesn't get the attention he deserves for the malevolent way in which he is trying to destroy the clean energy future of our country. Today's energy regulatory rollback—today—is a kamikaze mission against clean energy, against efficiency, against accountability. And the Republicans are more than happy to sign our planet's death sentence. That is what they are doing. That is what their plan is this year on the floor of the Senate and in the rollback of all the regulations that have been promulgated over the years at the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency—a death sentence for the planet.

We are talking about rescinding energy and water conservation standards for dozens of products that most Americans have in their homes—microwaves, faucets—that save billions of dollars and billions of gallons of water annually.

And what are we going to get instead? What is Chris Wright promising? What is Donald Trump promising us? A rule book written by and for fossil fuel companies. That is what we are going to have—fossil fuel profiteers. No science. No data. Just the same old special interests pushing the same old lies.

So when Chris Wright and Republicans say they want to cut redtape, what he really means is cut clean air, cut consumer savings, cut climate future, cut clean water, cut safe lands. Cut, cut, cut.

So let's call this what it is: the Trump deregulation doctrine. If it saves money, repeal it. If it protects public health, gut it. If it curbs emissions, cancel it. And if it benefits the American people, sabotage it. This isn't a regulatory review; it is a regulatory revenge tour. And it is not just about energy efficiency; it is about justice—because it is frontline communities, the poorest communities, Black and Brown communities, poor communities already overburdened by asthma, heat, and energy insecurity who are going to pay a disproportionate price because of what Trump is doing, because of what Chris Wright is doing.

It is almost unconscionable what Chris Wright is attempting to perpetrate upon the poorest, the most vulnerable in our society, but he is doing it all because they are not rich enough—the oil barons, the natural gas barons, the coal barons. They are not rich enough. We have to have more people die. We have to have more people get sick.

Madam American, Mr. American, the American people deserve better than this. They deserve an Energy Secretary who believes in science, who tells the truth, who doesn't measure progress in barrels sold or rules repealed.

We should be investing in the future, not dismantling the future. We should be building cleaner, safer, and more af-

fordable systems, not resurrecting pollution in the name of profit.

So to Chris Wright and Donald Trump, I say: We will fight you in the courts. We will fight you in the States. We will fight you on the floor of this Chamber—because every rule you tear down, we are going to rebuild stronger. Every lie you tell, we are going to counter with the truth. And every time you try to sell out the American people to pad a corporate balance sheet so that the rich become even richer, we will be back there to push against you, to protect the American public, to attempt to protect those who are most vulnerable in our society.

So you are not going to back down; we are not going to back down. This is a fight for the future. This is a fight for the planet. They are trying to write the death certificate of the planet right now, and we are not going to let them get away with it. They are in for a historic resistance coming up from the streets of our country because this is too important just to be another source of revenue for the tax breaks for the already too rich in our society.

Let me just finish with this. The three richest guys in America who sat behind Donald Trump at the inauguration, they control more wealth than the bottom 50 percent of our population combined. Do they really need more? Do oil and gas barons really need more? Does it have to come at the expense of the future of all the young people in our country? Does it have to come at the expense of the health of everyone in our Nation? Aren't we better than this? Aren't we really the innovation country?

So that would be my message: You are in for a fight. It is a fight for the future against those who want to pull us back toward a past which ultimately has created the issues, the problems, the risks that we are confronted with today.

So with that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. MORENO assumed the Chair.)

(Mr. SCHMITT assumed the Chair.)

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

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

#### WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Rubinstein nomination be waived.

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

The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we proceed immediately to the vote.

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

#### VOTE ON CROWLEY NOMINATION

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

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

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

#### NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murray	Warnock
Fetterman	Ossoff	Warren
Galleo	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—3

Gillibrand	Graham	Murphy
------------	--------	--------

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action on the Crowley nomination.

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

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session following the cloture vote on the Rubinstein nomination.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 69, Reed Rubinstein, postcloture, if cloture is invoked; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Rubinstein nomination, and if cloture is then invoked on Calendar No. 71, Troy Meink, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; that at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Meink nomination, followed by the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 83, James Danly; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the cloture vote on the Rubinstein nomination and the Senate resuming legislative session.

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

#### 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. 69, Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John R. Curtis, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger Marshall, Jim Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Hagerty, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Marsha Blackburn, Tim Sheehy.

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 Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, 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. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

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

#### NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murray	Warnock
Fetterman	Ossoff	Warren
Gallago	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—3

Gillibrand	Graham	Murphy
------------	--------	--------

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 45.

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 Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

#### U.S. SENATE HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES REGULATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, pursuant to Senate Rule XXXIII, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted the U.S. Senate Health and Fitness Facilities Regulations, on

May 6, 2025, which supersede and replace the current "Guidelines for Senate Tennis Courts," "Regulations for the Senate Health Facility in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol," and "Regulations Governing Use of the Senate Health and Fitness Facility."

The updated regulations consolidate rules for the use of the fitness facilities, including the Senators' gym, staff gym, and athletic courts. The updated regulations define eligible staff for membership purposes and reflect current operational practices.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the regulations as adopted be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### U.S. SENATE HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES REGULATIONS

[Adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 6, 2025, pursuant to rule XXXIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate]

1.0 SCOPE—The United States Senate offers the use of health and fitness facilities within the Senate office buildings to Senators and staff. These regulations establish the policies, procedures, and management responsibilities for these facilities.

2.0 DEFINITIONS—For purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the meaning specified.

2.1 AOC means the Architect of the Capitol.

2.2 *Athletic courts* means the multi-sport courts located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

2.3 *Disbursing Office* means the Secretary of the Senate's Disbursing Office.

2.4 *Eligible senator* means a U.S. Senator.

2.5 *Eligible staff* means an employee of the Senate, employee of the Superintendent's Office, a Senate detailee or paid fellow whose contract duration is greater than or equal to six months, or an employee of a federal government agency liaison office housed within Senate space. Interns, clerks, unpaid fellows, members of the media, and other non-government employees that provide services to the Senate are not covered under this term.

2.6 *Fitness facilities* means the U.S. Senate Health and Fitness Facilities, including the Senators' gym, staff gym, athletic courts, and all the associated equipment, furnishings, and fixtures.

2.7 *Membership* means the ongoing state of being qualified to use the fitness facilities by meeting the criteria to be an eligible senator or staffer and paying the required membership fee.

2.8 *Membership fee* means the monthly or annual payment made to maintain a fitness facilities membership.

2.9 *Rules Committee* means the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

2.10 *Senators' gym* means the gym located in the Russell Senate Office Building.

2.11 *Superintendent's Office* means the Architect of the Capitol's Senate Superintendent Office.

2.12 *Staff gym* means the gym located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

2.13 *Support office* means the office of an internal congressional entity that provides services to the U.S. Senate including but not limited to, the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, and the United States Capitol Police.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION—The AOC shall supervise and manage the fitness facilities