

like Moody County Chief Deputy Sheriff Ken Prorock of South Dakota, who was killed in the line of duty in February of last year and who is honored in this year's Police Week resolution.

Chief Deputy Prorock was killed after reportedly being deliberately struck by a car driven by a fleeing suspect being pursued by Madison Police. He was not a member of the Madison Police, but he heard the call for assistance on the radio and went out to help. He knew that he was placing himself in danger and knew that he could be risking his life, but he went anyway.

And as I said last year, that is the heroism of Chief Deputy Prorock and all of the men and women across our country who serve in our Nation's police forces and who, when they hear a call for help, go out and answer it.

This is Police Week, and every day I am grateful for the men and women of our Nation's law enforcement community and particularly grateful for all of our South Dakota officers who work tirelessly to safeguard our communities—safeguard our communities and build them up—because police officers do more than fight crime and stand between us and danger. They are an active and supportive presence in our communities, whether leading safety classes, building relationships with local youth, or helping a stranded driver or a family in need.

I am also profoundly grateful for the service of the U.S. Capitol Police, who are on the frontlines here in Washington, DC, every day. There is no getting away from the fact that there are dangers associated with working in the Capitol, and I am tremendously grateful for the men and women who keep us safe, whether they are protecting dignitaries, standing guard on the Capitol steps, or responding to threats.

Finally, as we recognize the service and sacrifice of our Nation's police officers, we should recognize the service and sacrifice of their families as well. It is not always easy to have a police officer for a husband or a wife, a mom or a dad. The hours can be long and irregular. The job is a heavy one, and there is always the knowledge at the back of your mind that your mom or dad or your husband or wife is out there confronting danger and that there is always a chance he or she might not make it home. So as we thank our Nation's police officers, we also want to make sure to thank their families, who also serve.

To all of our Nation's law enforcement officers, thank you. Thank you for serving our communities, for putting your lives on the line every day. Thank you for all the sacrifices you make to keep us safe. God bless you all.

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.

The Democratic leader.

TARIFFS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this morning, Donald Trump's trade war strikes again. Walmart announced today it plans to raise prices in stores across America because of Donald Trump's tariffs.

Here is what Walmart will say on its earnings call:

[G]iven the magnitude of the tariffs, even at the reduced levels announced this week, we aren't able to absorb all the pressure given the reality of narrow retail margins.

Walmart's raising prices is a canary in the coal mine for the devastation Trump's tariffs will have on Main Street. If a retailer as big as Walmart can't escape the pain of tariffs, what chance do small businesses have? Their customers are inevitably going to see prices rise.

Walmart's announcement is a glaring reminder that even after supposedly backtracking on some of his tariffs, significant damage will not go away. The chaos he has unleashed is eating away at retailers, restaurants, small businesses, and middle-class families' wallets. It is still estimated that these tariffs will cost thousands of dollars for each family this year.

Donald Trump's tariffs are nothing more than a tax hike on consumers. I am supporting legislation with JAMIE RASKIN to require large retailers to start displaying clearly to customers precisely how much tariffs are contributing to the total price of products.

Americans deserve transparency. If Trump's tariffs are causing prices to go up, through no fault of the retailer, the American consumer ought to know it. Walmart should start displaying in their stores and online how much tariffs actually contribute to the price of their goods. So should all other retailers.

America should know how much Trump's tariffs are hurting them. People understand it. People are beginning to understand it, but this display would hit it home every time they buy a good.

It shows you how destructive and chaotic Donald Trump's trade war has been. He should backtrack—totally backtrack—before we enter a recession. Specific tariffs that deal with how China treats us, the Chinese Government, the Chinese economy treats us, that is fine, not this “crazy, go after everybody, poorly put together, and constantly changing tariff” regime.

CARTELS

Mr. President, on cartels, well, Donald Trump and our Republican friends love to talk about border security—how they are tough on border security—more than just about anything else. So you can imagine our surprise to read that President Trump is making deals with drug cartels—El Chapo to be precise—to come into our country. Amazing.

This week—it is hard to believe. You can't make this stuff up—reports came

out that Donald Trump made a deal to allow 17 relatives of El Chapo—that is right, El Chapo, a dangerous, murderous, notorious, drug lord in U.S. custody—into the United States.

El Chapo was head of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel, which was designated a “terrorist organization” back in February—and now letting their relatives in? Republicans want to talk about importing criminals? Where is the outrage on Donald Trump letting the family of the world's most dangerous cartel into the United States?

Let's hear it from our Republican friends. This is a total disgrace. Republicans should be up in arms if they want to have any credibility about being tough against drug traffickers, drug criminals, drug cartels. This isn't just being soft on crime; it is rolling out a welcome mat to El Chapo and his family and inviting it into our country.

But if you are related to El Chapo—if you are related to El Chapo—Donald Trump says: Come right in. Welcome to America. He will roll out the red carpet.

It is lunacy. It is a disgrace.

Donald Trump has no problem deporting U.S. citizens, but he will grant parole for the family of drug traffickers. What message does this send to other drug lords? criminals? terrorists?

Where are our Republican colleagues on this? Where is the outrage from the other side of the aisle who say they want to prevent criminals from crossing our borders?

RECONCILIATION

Mr. President, now on reconciliation and SNAP, so the Republicans so-called “big, beautiful bill” is one of the most heinous, callous, and cruel proposals we have ever seen.

Republicans don't just want to ax healthcare for 14 million Americans, which is going to mean higher costs for even many more millions of Americans, they also want massive cuts to SNAP, the largest, most effective anti-hunger program in America. Republicans want to cut SNAP benefits by as much as \$310 billion, the largest cuts to anti-hunger funding in history.

This would mean the average person on SNAP would be left with just \$5 a day for food. That is morally bankrupt—\$5 a day for food when a dozen eggs alone cost more than that.

Republicans are literally stealing food away from hungry kids, from seniors, from veterans to finance tax breaks to the ultrarich. Give me a break. This is cruel. This is mean, heartless, and counterproductive. A hungry child can't learn, often grows up to have a life that is not as productive as others who are fed can have.

The Republican cuts to SNAP would cut 6 million Americans off from food. It would reduce food benefits for 5 million more Americans. Four million children—four million children—will go to bed hungry because of this cruelty to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. Isn't it incredible? I would even like to ask these billionaires who are so hell-

bent on reducing their own taxes if they are happy taking money away from hungry children and not feeding them.

Eleven million people will go hungry under the Republicans' bill, the biggest cut to food assistance in American history. That is the Republican idea of "beautiful"? taking food away from the mouths of hungry kids, all for tax breaks for billionaires? It is not beautiful; it is ugly. Very ugly.

Republicans will continue to defend their SNAP cuts as "reducing fraud, waste, abuse." So I ask them this, ask our Republican friends this: Which category does a hungry 7-year-old fall under? Are they waste? Are they fraud? Are they abuse?

What Republicans are really doing is increasing hunger, increasing poverty, increasing costs for States and families, lowering the productive lives that our future adult citizens can have, all to increase the wealth of the ultrarich. It is shameful. It is sad.

AI CHIPS

Mr. President, on the chip deal, Donald Trump says he is strong on China, but his trip to the Middle East shows, once again, that this is mostly talk with very little substance just like in his recent reduction in tariffs with China. America got almost nothing, and China got everything. Again, the chip deal shows that China is running circles—the Chinese Government is running circles around Donald Trump.

Right now, the Trump administration is in talks for a so-called chip deal with Saudi Arabia and the UAE that will green-light the sale of the most sensitive U.S. chip technology in exchange for vague promises of more foreign investment.

This deal could very well be dangerous because we have no clarity on how the Saudis and Emiratis will prevent the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese Government, the Chinese manufacturing establishment from getting their hands on these chips.

Inevitably, when foreign countries end up with American-made chips, the CCP, the Chinese Communist Party, sooner or later gets ahold of these American chips and their secrets in them. That is why we have had strong restrictions on exporting these chips to other countries.

This deal screams security risk and loophole as China could be ready to exploit American technology. No respected security expert will tell you with a straight face that these advanced chips won't eventually find their way into the AI supercomputers of the Chinese Government and manufacturers.

I am not the only one worried. It is not just Democrats worried on this—thank God. The Republican chair of the House Select Committee on the CCP has expressed similar concerns about these deals.

Even worse, if we send our best chips to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, we will be giving them the tools they need to

build the best AI supercomputers in the world in their countries, not America.

What is this about bringing jobs and high-end technology back to the country, which we Democrats worked so long and hard to do successfully in the Science and CHIPS bill? All of a sudden, it is OK to give it to other countries, especially other countries whose security might be not as tight as ours and allow the Chinese Government to get hold of these chips?

I urge Secretary Rubio, who has been a China hawk, and Secretary Lutnick to prevent these deals from proceeding until we can be dead certain that these chips won't make their way into Chinese Government hands.

Remember that earlier this year, DeepSeek announced the development of an incredibly powerful AI model built with American chips. We have to double down on blocking the flow of our AI chips to China, directly or indirectly, to third countries.

The Trump administration also needs to protect against offshoring of American AI technology. AI is the industry of our time. It should be proudly made in America by American workers, not sent overseas to the highest bidder.

Why did Trump make this deal? Who the heck knows. The way he trades for things for his own personal aggrandizement and for his own ego and to please a few of his friends, Lord knows why they got hold of these chips—why they are getting hold of these chips, what was done in exchange that made Trump happy.

If Trump's goal in the Middle East is to enrich himself long term, then by all accounts he is knocking it out of the park. But if his goal is to ensure Americans' security and American AI leadership, this deal would be like a stick of lit dynamite.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today the Senate is going to vote on what is called the Kaine-Van Hollen resolution. To me, it is a political stunt, and I will vote against it. It is not about transparency. It is not about human rights. It is about bringing a verified member of MS-13, a terrorist group, criminals—and bringing that member back into the United States.

So today, Senate Democrats are voting, once again, to defend illegal immigrant criminals. They seem to like to do that. It is hard to believe, but it is true. That is whom Senate Democrats are here to protect, and that is whom Senate Democrats seem to want to defend.

So they are going to come to the floor today, and they are going to line up to express their blind loyalty and their belligerent support for illegal immigrant criminals. That seems to be the party model right now.

No Democrats are going to be able to answer this simple question, though:

How does allowing MS-13 gang members to roam free in our communities make our communities or make our country safer?

I will tell you the answer: It doesn't. You allow illegal immigrant criminals in our country, you let them stay in our country, it makes all of us less safe.

Under unified Republican government, illegal border crossings have plummeted. Illegal crossings are down 93 percent compared to last year—93 percent this year over last year.

Republicans are going to continue to fight for protecting American communities and protect our communities against illegal immigrant criminals.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Mr. President, now on a matter that I hope to address today, a separate matter from that, I rise to speak today about improving and modernizing the Endangered Species Act.

The Endangered Species Act became a law in this country 52 years ago—1973—and it came to be a law for the right reasons. But what we know is that since then, Washington bureaucrats have added over 2,400 species of plants, as well as animals, to the list. Of those 2,400, only 54 species have ever left the list—just 54 species out of over 2,000 in 52 years.

Mr. President, you know I am a doctor. I am a surgeon. I practiced orthopedic surgery in Casper, WY, for over 20 years. As a doctor, if I put 100 patients on life support and only 3 recovered, I would lose my license. That is what is happening with the Endangered Species Act. Only 3 percent of those that were put on the list have ever come off. Why do we accept this level of failure with the Endangered Species Act?

When it became law, it was a bipartisan vote. People thought it was a good idea to save endangered species. The law has done good work to save species from extinction. We have seen the great work being done. The grizzly bear has come back from the brink of extinction; the bald eagle.

When the grizzly bear was listed in 1975, 50 years ago, we were down to 136 grizzly bears. The Federal Government set an ambitious goal. They said: We want to make sure we can get to 500. We think that is the safe version—go from 136 and get back up to 500.

Of course, the grizzly bears are at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, areas around there. Well, today, there are over 1,000 grizzly bears in the Yellowstone area. From 136 to the 500, blew right by that, and now there are over 1,000. But the grizzly bear is still on the list.

So the law worked in terms of getting the recovery. It identified a species in danger, and it helped them recover. But the law was also intended to protect species so well that they no longer need protection, so it is time to get them off the list.

The law was never intended to put something on the list and leave them there forever. That would be like a doctor leaving a patient in intensive care