

visit, and a quote from one Vietnam veteran in that story struck me. He said:

I'm no hero. The heroes are the ones that didn't get to come back and have families, didn't get to become grandparents. They're the heroes.

Mr. President, this is a common sentiment among veterans. I know my dad, a World War II veteran, never talked much about himself; it was always about the men he served with, especially those who didn't come back. But no matter how many times I hear this, it always stops me in my tracks because it reminds me that we ask those who serve our country to be willing to sacrifice everything—their entire future and all that it could hold. And many, many Americans have given their lives to defend our security, liberty, and peace.

This Monday, on Memorial Day, we honor the men and women who sacrificed everything in service to our country. We remember their heroism and courage, and we take inspiration from their commitment to the ideals upon which our country is founded.

This year marks 80 years since the end of World War II. Millions of Americans served in the military during the war, and more than 400,000 Americans died. Among these were about 1,700 South Dakotans, men like CPT Arlo Olson of Toronto, SD, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery in advancing through Italy and who was killed there in 1943. He was 25 years old. Lieutenant Earl Ferguson, from Philip, who died when his B-24 bomber was shot down while targeting an oilfield in Romania. He was 26. And Private Glenn Dow, from Sioux Falls, who was killed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Private Dow was 19.

These men gave their entire lives to defend our freedom and secure peace for us. They entrusted to us the future they would not see themselves, and they call on us to defend the peace they won.

In one of his Memorial Day proclamations, President Reagan wrote:

The defense of peace, like the defense of liberty, requires more than lip service. It requires vigilance, military strength, and the willingness to take risks and make sacrifices.

He continued:

The surest guarantor of both peace and liberty is our unflinching resolve to defend that which has been purchased for us by our fallen heroes.

On Memorial Day, we remember that our freedom has come at a cost, and we recognize that it is on us to live up to the ideals for which generations of Americans have been willing to give their lives.

These are American heroes, and we are a grateful nation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM SHOOTING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, last night, just a few blocks from here, at the Capital Jewish Museum, a scourge of anti-Semitism reared its ugly head yet again in America. The sickening, cold-blooded murder of two Jewish staffers of the Israeli Embassy seems to be another horrific incident of anti-Semitism, which we all know is much too rampant in our society.

Yaron Lischinsky, Sarah Milgrim—may their memories be a blessing.

Such a blatant and targeted act of anti-Semitism, right here in the Nation's Capital, should outrage everybody—a beautiful young couple about to be married just starting their lives, gunned down seemingly because they were Jewish.

Let this be a call to all of us: We must never allow the malicious poison of anti-Semitism to fester and flourish. While we still must learn more about this tragic incident, we do know that when anti-Semitism is rife in the air, all kinds of individuals cling to it and, sometimes, unfortunately, act on it.

This morning, I am praying for those who were killed in this senseless act of violence, all those affected, and their families.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on reconciliation, a few hours ago, while most Americans were fast asleep, House Republicans rammed through their so-called Big Beautiful Bill through the House of Representatives, in the dead of night, in the hopes that nobody would notice.

House Republicans took a bill that was already rotten to the core and made it even worse to appease the most radical factions of their party. It will bring deeper, harder, and even faster pain to the American people.

It seems the hard right over there wanted even quicker pain. It is truly jarring to watch House Republicans cheer and pat each other on the back while bond markets spiral and working families are left to worry about how they will make ends meet.

So this morning, let's take a look at a few ways this bill has gotten even worse as it has reached final passage. We will surely learn more in the coming days, but let me share a few

changes Republicans made that Americans deserve to hear.

First, this bill was already the largest cut in Medicaid in American history, but now these cuts have been rushed forward and will happen as soon as next year. Moving up the timeline now means that hospitals, particularly rural hospitals, have even less time to prepare and increases the chance that they will close and that hundreds in each county will lose their jobs.

Up to 14 million Americans are in danger of losing their health insurance. This bill will shut down rural hospitals, community health centers, urgent care clinics, and more. But while hospital beds are closing, Republicans are prioritizing a repeal on tanning bed taxes.

And, of course, at the last minute, the anti-choice radicals snuck in a new provision, penalizing enrollees in private plans on ACA exchanges covering reproductive care. Defunding Planned Parenthood wasn't enough. The radicals got their pitchforks and added a provision to effectively ban every insurance premium on every ACA exchange for covering abortion.

This is catastrophic and even increases the anti-choice provisions in the bill by a dramatic amount. It will mean that nearly one in seven Americans who has been insured through ACA since 2014 will be subject to this change.

And while our communities get sicker, our kids get hungry. Republicans weren't satisfied with simply making 4 million kids go hungry. They decided they needed to move up the timeline. Cuts to SNAP will take effect as soon as next year. That makes it even harder for food pantries to adapt—more chaos, more hunger, and more closures among our food pantries and kitchens that serve the hungry.

Widespread hunger is now on the fast track. Republicans seem to be saying that the average person who needs food gets only \$5 a day. A dozen eggs cost more than \$5 a day.

That is the price Republicans accept so they can cut taxes on the wealthy.

Republicans are stealing from hungry kids, stealing from low-income families to give trillions in tax giveaways to the wealthy.

This is not beautiful. It is ugly. It is revolting.

As the bill proceeds, perhaps the most dramatic change that occurred overnight is the surrender of America's clean energy future to China. Republicans are condemning Americans to higher energy costs and killing hundreds of thousands—even millions—of good-paying jobs.

Last night, the Republicans did something else too. They added a clean job kill switch. At the very last minute, Republicans added a provision that says any project that doesn't break ground within 60 days of this passage will lose the entire tax credit.

That is getting rid of the tax credit. No project can start in 60 days. That is

not how it works. They know that. They know that the clean energy tax credits are popular. They know that the clean energy tax credits will reduce costs for American families.

So instead of saying, "Kill it outright," they say, "You must start within 60 days." That is saying, "Kill it outright." Everyone knows that, and I saw that some of the hard-right people from the oil patch States were gloating—gloating—that clean energy is gone. It is one of the most devastating things added at the last minute in this bill, snuck in, in the dark of night.

We in the Senate—and I hope our Republican colleagues will join us in this—are going to fight this every step of the way. Much of the clean energy industry will be dead. As I said, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of jobs will be lost, and China, 10 years from now, will be dictating what happens in our energy markets to our children.

To make matters even worse, of course, the bill also raises taxes on some projects that are underway. Donald Trump says he wants America to dominate energy, and then he does this—taxing energy projects, raising costs for families?

Nope. Donald Trump, what you are doing is absolutely stupid and counterproductive. You don't even know what you are doing. You just think: Oh, clean energy, let's just get rid of it. We will rely on oil, gas, and coal.

Well, there ain't enough oil, gas, and coal to fuel the world, and it is more expensive to do it, Donald Trump. What the heck are you doing?

This is an American energy kill switch. Solar jobs will vanish. Wind jobs will vanish. Manufacturing jobs will go to China, just the opposite of what the President says he wants. And people's electric bills will go up.

So America, when your electric bill starts going up, talk to Donald Trump, talk to the Republicans in the House, and please talk to the Republicans in the Senate and tell them not to move forward on this folly.

Republicans call their bill a tax break, but, in reality, it is a tax hike and a job killer, except for China, where it is a job creator. China wins; America loses.

In the coming days, Americans will take a look at the Republicans' Big Beautiful Bill and discover it gets uglier and uglier the closer they look.

The bill, hopefully, has a doomed future in the Senate. Senate Democrats will let hell freeze over and fight this in every way that we can.

Donald Trump told House Republicans that voting no on his bill will be the ultimate betrayal, but the real betrayal this morning was the Republicans voting yes—the betrayal of the American people—because there is nothing beautiful about the biggest cuts to Medicaid in American history, nothing beautiful about cutting SNAP benefits so children go hungry and can't learn or have productive lives,

nothing beautiful about cutting SNAP benefits by over \$200 billion.

Senate Democrats will oppose this morally bankrupt bill with every fiber in our being—every fiber.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH CARNEGIE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on a more happy note, when Ruth Carnegie took a job with the Senate Doorkeepers 5 years ago, she quickly impressed everyone with her calm, competence, and her ability to handle chaos, which, of course, made perfect sense. She had spent the previous 3 years working for me.

Next week, after 3 years in "Schumerland," 12 years in the Senate, and 22 years on Capitol Hill, Ruth will move on to her next chapter. Now, it might surprise you that someone whose dream is to race down the autobahn found a home here in the Senate, an institution not known for its pace.

But, in truth, Ruth was built for both. When things moved fast, Ruth could keep up. When things slowed her down, Ruth could be steady. She is soft-spoken yet strong. She has a combination of humility, wisdom, and strength.

One of the things I admire most about Ruth is that she always lifts up everyone around her, being a mentor to many people who have and will go on to do great things.

Ruth, thank you, thank you, thank you. You have left an indelible mark on the Senate, and you have earned a very happy retirement.

I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume H.J. Res. 88, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the clerk will read the title of the joint resolution for the third time.

The joint resolution was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON H.J. RES. 88

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The joint resolution having been read a third time, the question is, Shall the joint resolution pass?

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 277 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—5

Blackburn	Heinrich	Tillis
Budd	Merkley	

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.