

progress. It would roll back years of hard-won protections and prevent future action, just when it is needed the most, just when it is becoming very clear to the entire country that there is a sinister side to cyberspace, as well as a good side. Yes, we want it to do wonderful things in our society, but we also know that it can cause great harm as well.

So instead of shutting down State leadership, instead of shutting down State legislators and shutting down Governors across the Nation who want to work on this issue, Congress itself should step up to start to put the protections in place for our entire Nation. We must pass legislation that confronts the real harms of artificial intelligence, while ensuring that the United States remains the leader on this important and promising technology.

We want to reap the benefits of AI. We want to have AI be used across our society, but we also want to protect against the harmful effects of AI if it is put in the wrong hands to be used for the wrong purposes.

That is why I authored the AI Civil Rights Act, the most comprehensive AI legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress, which ensures that artificial intelligence serves the public good, not private profit exclusively. The bill would ensure that the AI age does not supercharge the bias and discrimination already prevalent today.

Specifically, my legislation establishes new rules when companies use algorithms to make decisions on jobs, on housing, on healthcare, on banking, on the criminal justice system, and other important aspects of our lives.

The AI Civil Rights Act is a balanced approach that requires companies to detect and address bias in their algorithmic decisions without stifling innovation.

Make no mistake, we can have an AI revolution while also protecting the civil rights and liberties of everyday Americans. We can support innovation without supercharging the tracking and targeting of young people online. We can promote competition while safeguarding our environment.

But with their blanket, 10-year ban on State AI regulation, Republicans are choosing a sledgehammer over a scalpel. They are choosing Big Tech over kids, families, seniors, and disadvantaged communities across this country.

We cannot allow this to happen. I am committed to fighting this 10-year ban with every tool at my disposal, and that is by ensuring that it is going to be clear that this 10-year ban on State AI regulation is a policy change that has no impact on the Federal budget.

What does that mean if this provision that has been stuck in this bill has no impact on the Federal budget? Here is what it means: It means that that provision cannot be included in a reconciliation bill.

If Senate Republicans keep the House language in their reconciliation bill, I

will raise a point of order against it. I will raise a point of order saying that it is in violation of our rules that this kind of a change can be built into this legislation.

When my Republican colleagues are ready to have a serious conversation about AI regulation, my door is wide open. We should be discussing this on a bipartisan basis. But this backdoor AI moratorium, it is not serious. This backdoor moratorium is not responsible. This backdoor moratorium is not acceptable. There is too much at stake.

We can't say for 10 years there is no regulation at the State level if they can see harms that are being committed. They must have the right to be able to legislate. And there is one way for us to avoid it, of course. We could legislate. We could pass national legislation. But at this point, I still see no appetite on the Republican side for that to even commence as a serious discussion.

So with that, I just want to put the Senate on notice that I am going to raise a point of order if, in fact, this AI moratorium on any State legislation remains in the bill.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

BOULDER, COLORADO ATTACK

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, our Colorado community is reeling from a heinous hate crime against the Jewish community in Boulder, CO.

On Sunday, 12 Coloradans were badly injured after a suspect threw Molotov cocktails, incendiary devices, into a crowd, specifically targeting the Jewish people there—a targeted, anti-Semitic attack.

The 12 individuals were part of a peaceful march in Boulder that happens every week to call for the release of Israeli hostages in Gaza.

The suspect has since told investigators that he planned the terrorist attack for over a year; that he specifically wanted to target the Run for Their Lives group, this group that had been meeting every week lobbying for the release of hostages.

Bottom line, this attack was not random. It was a deliberate hate crime against the Jewish community that was planned for months. The scope of that hatred is unconscionable.

These were men and women who dedicated their time to advocating for innocent hostages who have been now held in captivity for over 600 days. Most importantly, the demonstrators were motivated by a desire for peace and were operating in a peaceful fashion.

Let me repeat that. These men and women wanted peace. Instead, they

were met with horrifying and senseless violence.

The upswing in violence targeting the Jewish community needs to be condemned at every level. And now, anti-Semitism and the hate that comes with it has taken root at home in Colorado. But Colorado is not alone. Our country is still mourning the recent assassination of two Israeli Embassy staff members who were shot as they exited an event at the Capital Jewish Museum just a little over a week ago.

And just this past April, the Pennsylvania Governor's mansion was firebombed as Gov. Josh Shapiro and his family celebrated Passover inside.

These are just a few of the recent and most visible anti-Semitic attacks. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents have reached a record high since the October 7, 2023, attack.

It is absolutely unacceptable for anti-Semitism to exist in our country. And yet, the Jewish community in Colorado and the Jewish community across the United States has to live with the daily fear of targeted terrorist attacks and escalating calls for violence against the Jewish people.

We need to do more to protect the Jewish community in Colorado and across the country and make sure that they feel safe in the aftermath of this horrific attack.

Across the country, Jewish people are angry. They are terrified. Jewish Coloradans woke up this morning feeling unsafe—unsafe to go to school, unsafe to go to work—wondering what and if there is a path forward.

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote:

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.

Colorado has always been a State that embraces difference and always will be. The answer to this violence is not to turn to the comfort of simple or black-and-white answers, backing into our corners and spreading more fear and more hatred. Now is the time to double down on our commitment to unity in the face of our differences. It is the only way we can guarantee safety and peace for our Jewish community and for every community.

Now, what does that mean in real terms? It means fully investigating this hate crime and making sure the suspect is fully prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It means zero tolerance for anti-Semitism in Colorado schools, our workplaces, or in our public spaces. It means taking a lesson from the 12 demonstrators who were victims in Sunday's attack. Through peaceful action, they stood up for their beliefs, supported one another, and helped our country take small but meaningful steps forward. They wanted to end this descending spiral of violence. The rest of us should too.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. CRAPO. I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Hooker and Marks nominations.

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

VOTE ON DUFFEY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Duffey nomination?

Mr. CRAPO. 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 senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 283 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

Graham	Ossoff	Sullivan
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). 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 executive 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. 103, Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Katie Boyd Britt, Rick Scott of Florida, Jim Banks, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, James E. Risch, Bill Cassidy, John R. Curtis, Kevin Cramer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) would have voted 'yea.'

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 284 Ex.]

YEAS—59

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

NAYS—37

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kim	Schiff
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Smith
Booker	Markey	Van Hollen
Cantwell	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—4

Graham	Ossoff
Moody	Sullivan

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 59, the nays are 37.

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 Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:47 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON HOOKER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hooker nomination?

Mr. CRAPO. 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 senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 285 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hassan	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kelly	Shaheen
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Cramer	King	Slotkin
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Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Ernst	McConnell	Warner
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Gallego	Moran	

NAYS—36

Alsobrooks	Gillibrand	Murray
Baldwin	Heinrich	Padilla
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Peters
Blumenthal	Hirono	Reed
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Rosen
Booker	Klobuchar	Sanders
Cantwell	Lujan	Schatz
Cortez Masto	Markey	Schiff
Duckworth	Merkley	Schumer
Durbin	Murphy	Smith