Van Hollen Warnock Welch

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NOT VOTING-5

Daines Lee Ossoff Graham

Sullivan

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 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 legislative 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. 109, Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Katie Boyd Britt, Jim Banks, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, Rick Scott of Florida, 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 Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRA-HAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE). and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. Sul-LIVAN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Ossoff) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 66, nays 28, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Ex.]

YEAS-66

Baldwin	Cruz	Kaine
Banks	Curtis	Kelly
Barrasso	Ernst	Kennedy
Blackburn	Fetterman	Kim
Boozman	Fischer	King
Britt	Grassley	Klobuchar
Budd	Hagerty	Lankford
Capito	Hassan	Lummis
Cassidy	Hawley	Marshall
Collins	Hirono	McConnell
Coons	Hoeven	McCormick
Cornyn	Husted	Moody
Cotton	Hyde-Smith	Moran
Cramer	Johnson	Moreno
Crapo	Justice	Mullin

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NOT VOTING-6

Daines Graham Ossoff Gallego Lee Sullivan

PRESIDING OFFICER BANKS). On this vote, the year are 66, the nays are 28.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Dale Marks, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

JOB CORPS

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today to shine a light on Donald Trump's dismantling of yet another critical program that Nevadans and young people across our Nation rely on—the Job Corps Program.

Job Corps was established by Congress to provide young people with the skills training that they need to access good-paying, in-demand jobs. It is the largest residential career training program in the entire country, providing young people—many of whom were previously homeless or at risk-with housing and skills training in fields like manufacturing, construction. and healthcare.

Once they graduate, they enter the workforce and contribute to our communities and our economy. They learn the skills necessary to build their lives, to build their futures. It is truly a great program that has helped more than 3 million people have a chance at the American dream since 1964.

Unfortunately, Job Corps centers across the country received a stop work order at the end of last week that instructed them to close their doors and send all of their students back home, including Nevada's Job Corps campus, the Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, in Reno, NV. This is going to be devastating—devastating—for the tens of thousands of young people who are currently enrolled in all 50 States.

The Trump administration—well, it claims it supports trade schools and job training, but, frankly, if this administration really knew anything about the Job Corps Program, they would know that they are trade schools. They are centers where students go, where they study, where they

work hard, and where they earn their certifications that allow them access to good-paying jobs. So why is Donald Trump closing down this program and taking away the opportunity for these students to work? It just doesn't make any sense.

Shutting down this program will also immediately evict more than 300 students at the Nevada campus alone, many of whom have nowhere else to go, students like Samuel, who wrote to me, saying:

I am a nineteen-year-old student who attends Sierra Nevada Job Corps. I happen to be a paraplegic who was adopted at the age of seven. Since then, I've had many health issues and trials, which made it very difficult for me to do all of my school classes. . . . Then I came to Job Corps eight months ago and am actually doing very well.

Job Corps has provided me with more than just an education and vocational training; it has offered me a safe haven, a community, and a path forward.

The comprehensive support [allows] me to focus on my personal and professional development without the constant worry of where I will sleep or how I will eat. For individuals like myself, Job Corps is NOT merely a program; it is a LIFELINE. The prospect of its closure is not just a policy issue; it is a PER-SONAL CRISIS.

Without Job Corps, I face the grim reality of UNEMPLOYMENT, of HOMELESSNESS, and the continuation of a cycle of POVERTY that has been difficult to break.

When rumors of the Trump administration's cruel plan came out, countless Nevadans who care about Job Corps immediately reached out to my office, many sharing their stories of students this program helps.

Job Corps is life-changing, lifesaving for these young people. Since the stop work order went into effect, those students themselves have been reaching out and speaking out too, students like Selena from Reno, who wrote in, say-

Since being at Job Corps, I have earned six credits in the three months that I have been here. . . . I also have received my chainsaw certification and respirator certification. . If Job Corps closes, I won't have any other chance at an education. I'll leave with an incomplete trade and be unemployable in what I trained in, and I'll leave with no diploma.

And Pamela said:

I worked SO hard to get where I am now. Months ago, I was struggling, trying to figure out life. I didn't know what to do. I was working from warehouse to warehouse until I heard about Job Corps.

That's when I knew if I came here to Job Corps. I could do something with my life and show my son that it is NEVER too late to accomplish your goals. . . . Now, I'm here working with 100 percent of my strength and energy. . . . But if Job Corps closes, I will have no other education opportunities.

These stories are heartbreaking. They are hard to hear. These young people and so many more like them have gained hope and confidence. This administration is going after kids who want to grow, who want to learn, who want to work, who are trying to do the right thing, students who are trying to do what they have been told their whole lives to do: Get an education,

work hard, and get a good-paying job to be able to live the American dream.

This closure is not only going to hurt those kids, this closure is going to hurt those looking to serve our Nation, those young folks who wish to join our military, students like Anthony, who wrote:

I was recommended to go to Job Corps by my older brother, who had graduated from here back in 2013, and he is now working as a contractor for the United States Air Force, and he believes it's all thanks to Job Corps.

If Job Corps closes, I will be at a disadvantage in my pursuit of joining the military, which is my goal. Without Job Corps, I will be unable to earn my diploma and unable to leave with the required certifications for the career that I think will be amazing for my future

So now just imagine tens of thousands of students just like Samuel, just like Selena, Pamela, and Anthony who are working on building a better life for themselves, working hard. They want to build a better community for everyone. That is who the Trump administration is sacrificing, students like Samuel, Pamela, Selena, and Anthony, kids who want to build a life for themselves. And for what and for whom? Tax cuts for the ultrawealthy—that is who.

As I share these stories, students at Sierra Nevada Job Corps are walking across the stage right now, which could be their final graduation. Meanwhile, sadly, this administration is working overtime to give billionaires like Elon Musk more government contracts, more money, and more tax breaks and putting the American dream out of reach for thousands of students in need. It is putting their future and the future of our communities at risk. Again, I say, for what and for whom is the sacrifice of our kids? It is to give billionaires a bigger tax break.

This program has support from both sides of the aisle. There are Job Corps centers in blue States and red States. Since 1964, this program has helped literally thousands of young folks build a career and build a life. We cannot allow Donald Trump to end Job Corps and kill the dreams and opportunities for young people across our country.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues in both parties to join me in supporting Job Corps and pledging to do everything we can do to fight back against any and all efforts to defund this critical trades program—a critical program for the lives of our young students.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The

clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the

Mr. BENNET. 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. BENNET. Mr. President, on June 1, the Boulder chapter of Run for Their Lives gathered at the Pearl Street Mall

for their solemn weekly routine. Every week since Hamas's October 7, 2023, terrorist attack, they have shown up to march peacefully in solidarity with the hostages that Hamas kidnapped and continues to hold, over 600 days after that fateful day. They come to sing songs, tell stories, and read the names of hostages to affirm for them and for us and for the world that those hostages have not been forgotten, that they never will be forgotten.

June 1 started like any other earlysummer Boulder Sunday—cool and clear and promising the kind of bluebird day we love in Colorado.

The group gathered on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot for their memorial march. One man, however, was thinking only of violence and hate. Amid his yells of "End Zionists," he unleashed a makeshift flamethrower and launched Molotov cocktails to burn the marchers. He inflicted his terror directly on at least 12 innocent people, including a Holocaust survivor in her late eighties who survived the unfathomable war in Europe only to face anti-Semitic evil once again—only this time in the United States.

If there is any doubt that this was an anti-Semitic hate crime and an act of terror, the attacker has told investigators that "he wanted to kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead." He said he specifically targeted this group and that he researched and planned the attack for more than a year

He did not have some intellectual point that he was trying to make about Israel's politics. He was not trying to improve the lives of Palestinians. He simply wanted to kill Jews by burning them in the most painful way possible, and he knew where to find them—at the Pearl Street Mall, marching peacefully on behalf of hostages a terrorist group stole from their families.

America's Founders built this country on the tenets of religious freedom and tolerance. In 1790, George Washington wrote to Rhode Island's Jewish community that the America he was building would give "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." This letter affirmed that the Jewish people had a place in the United States—a rare refuge amid Europe's thousand-year pogrom.

The United States, like all countries, has never always lived up to our lofty ideals, but it is our commitment to trying, to striving to become the city on the hill we proclaim to be that has long made this country a beacon to the world and different from almost all other countries in the world. That is why my mother immigrated here rather than somewhere else in Europe or the Western Hemisphere. It is why the world's weary dreamers still give up everything they have to seek a better life in the United States rather than crossing the Gobi Desert for China or the Eurasian Steppe for Russia.

But in recent years, American anti-Semitism has reached unprecedented levels. The Anti-Defamation League tracked over 9,300 anti-Semitic incidents across the United States last year—the highest number in 46 years of tracking. In 2024, anti-Semites made bomb threats against and vandalized synagogues, including in Colorado. They assaulted congregants at Jewish institutions. They targeted Jewish students with anti-Semitic threats. They protested Israeli policy and Zionism at synagogues as if American Jews are responsible for decisions made by a foreign government thousands of miles away.

American anti-Semitism tends to spike when Israeli-Palestinian conflict flares up, such as following Hamas's May 2021 and October 2023 attacks. But we cannot forget that anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred. It long predates the Holocaust, let alone the October 7 or the recent DC and Boulder attacks.

As Ukrainian Jewish author Vasily Grossman—the first journalist to see the Nazi death camp Treblinka—wrote in the mid-20th century, "Antisemitism has been as strong in the age of atomic reactors and computers as in the age of oil-lamps, sailing-boats, and spinning-wheels."

Anti-Semitism—even American anti-Semitism—is an ancient prejudice indeed; it is not some kind of knee-jerk response to Israeli policy.

Anti-Semites in America do not aim to make profound points or philosophical points about Israel by throwing Molotov cocktails at elderly Coloradans or gunning down a young couple leaving an event about Middle East peacekeeping in our Nation's Capital. No. These anti-Semites use events in the Middle East as an excuse to express their latent anti-Semitism, their medieval hatred of Jews, who they blame for some swath of society's ills. They want to harm Jews, to add more tragedv to the family histories of the people whose collective chronicle is already overstocked with victims, to say the least.

The Boulder attack, the recent DC shooting, and the thousands of anti-Semitic incidents across the United States over the last few years are a direct result of anti-Semitic rhetoric that has been left unchecked.

Even before this attack, American Jews wondered whether they should hide their Star of David necklaces before leaving the house, whether Friday Shabbat service will be safe, and whether their synagogues will have to hire still more security officials.

This omnipresent fear of anti-Semitic violence makes it impossible for Jews to feel safe in a non-Jewish America and in a non-Jewish world. And this fear produces behaviors like hiding one's Star of David or avoiding Jewish events on a college campus where a dean says the school can't guarantee Jewish students' safety. That amounts to what the historian Simon Schama has called a "passive deprivation of basic civil rights."