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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

#### WHOLE MILK FOR HEALTHY KIDS ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the month of June is considered National Dairy Month, and this has been going on for decades and decades. And to kick things off, the Senate Agriculture Committee passed a bill that is entitled the "Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act." That was voted out of committee yesterday, and it was voted out unanimously.

This bill is a very important piece of legislation, of which I am proud to be a cosponsor. Not only will it help the dairy industry, but it is going to restore great-tasting and nutritious dairy products to our Nation's school lunch program. Specifically, it is going to allow chocolate milk, whole milk, and 2-percent milk, instead of the requirements of the existing law that these kids in school can only drink skim milk.

The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act is also the first piece of legislation that the Senate Ag Committee has marked up in nearly 3 years. Its passage represents the bipartisan work that the Senate Agriculture Committee has a good reputation on delivering.

I look forward to the final passage of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act here on the Senate floor. Hopefully, it is very, very soon.

I yield the floor.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

#### ENERGY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, Senate Republicans are continuing to work on a reconciliation bill that makes America stronger and more prosperous. An important component of this bill is what it does on energy.

Republicans spent a lot of time last year talking about how the Biden administration's hostility to conventional energy production was putting America on a dangerous trajectory in the future, and we promised that we would work to unleash American energy dominance, if we were put in charge. We have been working to deliver on that promise since January, and that work continues with the reconciliation bill that we will take up this month.

Energy is essential. Without a reliable energy supply, our homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, factories—and our entire country—literally, would grind to a halt. It is the critical resource, and we can't afford to get it wrong.

But the Biden administration took us down the wrong path. It restricted development of America's conventional energy resources. It imposed regulations that heaped new burdens and costs on conventional energy producers, and it implemented an electric vehicle mandate that would have put an enormous new strain on our already wobbly electric grid.

The United States is rapidly heading toward an energy crisis where we simply don't have the supply to meet the

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, how excellent is Your Name in all the Earth.

As our Senators face today's difficulties, help them to trust in Your goodness. May their faith in You prompt them to wait for the triumph of Your prevailing providence.

Lord, remind them that all things work together for good to those who love You and strive to do Your will. Continue to be their refuge and ever-present help for life's valleys. Renew their strength, enabling them to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

Lord, infuse them with a reverential awe that will strengthen them to honor You with their thoughts, words, and deeds.

We pray in Your magnificent Name. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MULLIN). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

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demand. As the Washington Post noted last March, “vast swaths of the United States are at risk of running short of power as electricity-hungry data centers and clean-technology factories proliferate around the country, leaving utilities and regulators grasping for credible plans to expand the nation’s creaking power grid.”

Meanwhile, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation warned of “mounting resource adequacy challenges” in the next decade.

That is a pretty serious situation, but, fortunately, we can do something about it. We have an abundance of natural resources, from the Gulf of America to the North Slope of Alaska.

The Biden administration seemed to view those resources as a liability, but Republicans recognize these resources as the assets that they are, and our reconciliation bill will help unleash these resources to promote a stable, secure, and affordable energy supply.

It will open up leases on America’s lands and waters for responsible conventional energy development. It will expand production opportunities for essential energy resources that the Biden administration tried to put on the sidelines.

As I indicated earlier, leveraging our natural resources through the reconciliation bill is just one part of the Republicans’ energy agenda. For the last several months, we have been hard at work eliminating burdensome regulations that threatened to stifle energy development in our country.

We blocked implementation of the Biden natural gas tax, which would have driven up energy prices and destroyed jobs in the energy sector. And we intend to do away with this misguided tax in the reconciliation bill that we will be considering soon.

We have also repealed Biden-era energy regulations for household appliances and business equipment—regulations that would have driven up costs and reduced choice, with little environmental benefit.

And the House and Senate moved to prevent California from imposing a de facto electric vehicle mandate on the whole country.

The Biden administration sought to tie up American energy, but under the Trump administration and a Republican Congress, that era is over. Instead of a Green New Deal, we are giving a green light to energy producers. We are allowing Americans to benefit from our country’s resources, and we are working to ensure a secure, reliable, and affordable energy supply for the long term.

Mr. President, our reconciliation bill will help put us on the path to that secure energy future. I look forward to taking it up later this month.

I yield the floor.

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. 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, over the past few days, Donald Trump has bent over backwards to try to sell his so-called Big Beautiful Bill with a new lie. He said no one will lose healthcare coverage. He says no benefits will be slashed. He says the bill won’t harm a single recipient. He is lying. This is all total nonsense, and Senate Republicans need to reject Donald Trump’s snake oil sales pitch.

I implore my Senate colleagues, tread carefully with your Big Beautiful Bill. If you pass this bill, it won’t be Donald Trump’s soothing words that will be enacted in your States but, rather, deep and devastating harm to your constituents. And your constituents, Senate Republicans, will hold you responsible for going along with Donald Trump’s ruse.

If you go down this road, he will take away coverage from kids, from seniors, from parents, from moms. You will put doctors and nurses out of work. You will put rural hospitals in particular jeopardy since they depend on Medicaid, Medicare, and government help to stay going. They are often the biggest employer in your rural counties, Senate Republicans. They are often the only source of healthcare.

When Americans see this is all to make the ultrarich even richer, they will know that it was this nasty bill that made it happen.

Donald Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill is repeal and replace by another name. Here are the facts:

Under the bill, over 14 million would lose healthcare coverage. As bad as this bill is, we just got news that it will get even worse. CBO today will announce that it is not 14 million people kicked off but more—estimates as high as 15 million.

The Republican bill will kick even more people off healthcare than we originally thought—not only by attacking Medicaid but by destabilizing the ACA, private insurance, and now even Medicare—even Medicare.

So this bad bill is getting worse. The estimates of how many people will lose their healthcare coverage goes up and up and up each time we read the fine print. The closer and closer people look at the bill, the worse and worse it gets.

Tens of millions of Americans who otherwise qualify for healthcare would be mummified in new redtape, shortened enrollment periods, higher premiums, and weaker coverage. People would fall through the cracks and get phased out of coverage altogether in the coming years. It is death by a thousand paper cuts, and that is no accident; that is the intention of the Republican bill.

And let’s talk about fraud. Donald Trump says, well, it is just knocking

out fraud. Democrats would love to work with Republicans to eliminate fraud and waste in healthcare, but the bill Republicans have right now does not accomplish that. It is aimed at real people—real people who need healthcare, taking that away. This Big Beautiful Bill uses the fraud boogeyman as an excuse to kick people out of healthcare who would otherwise qualify, including people with jobs, including people with kids.

The only fraud happening right now is the fraudulent sales pitch coming from Donald Trump and his statement that he won’t boot anyone from coverage. That is the fraud here. The fraud is the lies Donald Trump is telling Republicans about this bill, that people won’t lose coverage. That is a lie. That is the fraud. Republicans should know that and reject this awful Big Beautiful Bill before it is too late.

CLEAN ENERGY

Mr. President, on clean energy, one of Donald Trump’s core promises on the campaign trail was that he would lower energy costs, he said, by 50 percent, but the opposite is happening. Energy costs are soaring across the country. People are paying more on their monthly electricity bills. Small businesses are struggling just to keep the lights on. And Donald Trump and the Republicans’ “Big, Ugly, Energy-Killing Bill” is about to make energy costs go even higher.

Under the Republicans’ bill, the average national electricity price will go up about 10 percent. American families will pay \$32 billion more in household energy costs. Clean energy projects that would lower costs would face massive new taxes, and that is not to mention the hundreds of thousands of jobs—hundreds of thousands—it is estimated that as many as 800,000 would be lost, and they would occur especially in red States.

Republicans, did you hear that? You are throwing hundreds of thousands of people working in your States in good-paying jobs out of work, all to embrace the ideology of the extremists in the fossil fuel community.

The bottom line is simple: The oil and gas magnates, the fossil fuel community hates clean energy because they know it is the future, because they know it is cheaper, and they know it is the quickest way to get more energy.

Are Republicans so truly beholden to the fossil fuel industry, which harbors blind hatred of clean energy because they know it is the future? Are they so beholden?

If we need more energy for AI and everything else, why are we cutting off one of the main ways we can get new energy in terms of wind and solar, hydro, and things like that?

Are Republicans really willing to send energy costs for families skyrocketing just to satisfy the ideological hatred the fossil fuel industry has for clean energy? The fossil fuel industry knows its days are numbered and