

farmers to eke out a living, contributing to the surge in migration to the United States. Faraway events have economic effects here at home as well.

A drought in Panama lowers water in the Panama Canal and slows shipping, making it more expensive. A drought or flood hits a major agricultural exporter and makes food here at home more expensive.

A flood in Thailand swamps factories and provokes a shortage here in car parts. The global economy is interconnected; climate-related droughts, floods, fires, and storms in foreign lands impose real costs on Americans here at home.

The legions of bootlickers who orbit around Trump remind me of the legend of King Canute. King Canute, like President Trump today, was surrounded by hordes of flattering courtiers. Unlike President Trump, King Canute was displeased by his courtiers' relentless flattery that he was all-powerful. So to give his courtiers a lesson, King Canute set his throne by the sea edge and commanded the incoming tide to halt so as not to wet his feet. Well, of course, the tide took no mind of King Canute's words, continued its advance, and washed over his feet.

King Canute exclaimed:

Let all men know how empty and worthless is the power of kings, for there is none worthy of the name but he whom heaven, earth, and sea obey by eternal laws.

Well, those words should particularly resonate today because climate change is real, and it is driven by eternal laws, by the natural laws of chemistry, for instance, and physics. And a latter-day ersatz King saying otherwise makes no difference at all to the natural systems of this planet driven by nature's laws.

Climate change is going to be very expensive, very disruptive, and very damaging. The warnings are already everywhere. And Florida's insurance crisis is a preview of coming attractions for all of America's coastal communities.

I won't dwell in this speech on that list of warnings. I spoke over and over about the many different Agencies and experts, from insurance industry CEOs to insurance industry board members to the Chairman of the Federal Reserve to the chief economist of Freddie Mac to the Economist magazine to the International Stability Board, and on and on and on. It is over and over the same warning: the warning that climate change is disrupting the planet so much that risks are becoming so unpredictable that insurance is becoming either flatout unavailable, or unaffordable on its way to unavailable, and that that insurance crisis quickly spills over into a mortgage crisis because you cannot get a mortgage on a property on which you cannot get insurance. And that mortgage crisis cascades into a crash in property values because if you bought your home with a mortgage, you probably need to sell it to somebody who needs a mortgage; and if you can't sell to that entire pop-

ulation of human beings who need a mortgage to buy your house because your house won't sustain a mortgage because it can't get insurance, then your market just crashed and the value of your home did as well.

I have shown here at this podium the map from First Street that predicted what, in the time period of a 30-year mortgage, is going to happen to home values around the country from this "insurance to mortgage to values" cascade.

And in some places, the loss of value was at 100 percent, a zeroing out.

But even where the loss of value is going to be 20 percent or 40 percent, think what that does to that community where all of the property in that community has lost that much value. Think of what that does to the community bank in that community and its solvency, its loan-to-value ratio, when the value of the collateral for its loans has crashed 20 to 40 percent.

This is coming. And there is an answer: renewable energy and low carbon technologies. Already cheap; getting cheaper. Plus, whoever dominates those industries will dominate the 21st century.

So let's protect ourselves from that looming threat. Let's make sure that who dominates the 21st century in energy is the United States. Let's not give away America's position in that competition to our foreign rivals just to humor a corrupt political influence effort here at home. That would be a disgraceful outcome, but it is the one we are headed for.

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

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

VOTE ON BOWMAN NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bowman nomination?

Mr. BOOZMAN. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

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

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 291 Ex.]

YEAS—48

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Blackburn	Hawley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hoeven	Paul
Britt	Husted	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Lee	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	Marshall	Thune
Curtis	McConnell	Tillis
Ernst	McCormick	Tuberville
Fischer	Moody	Wicker
Graham	Moran	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
Gallago	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—6

Capito	Daines	Ossoff
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE). 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.

VOTE ON WALSH NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Walsh nomination?

Mr. SCHATZ. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

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

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 292 Ex.]

YEAS—57

Banks	Daines	Kaine
Barrasso	Ernst	Kennedy
Blackburn	Fetterman	King
Boozman	Fischer	Klobuchar
Britt	Graham	Lankford
Budd	Grassley	Lee
Cassidy	Hagerty	Marshall
Collins	Hawley	McConnell
Cornyn	Hoeven	McCormick
Cramer	Husted	Moody
Crapo	Hyde-Smith	Moran
Cruz	Johnson	Moreno
Curtis	Justice	Mullin

Murkowski	Schmitt	Tillis
Paul	Scott (FL)	Tuberville
Reed	Scott (SC)	Warner
Ricketts	Shaheen	Welch
Risch	Sullivan	Wicker
Rounds	Thune	Young

NAYS—38

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

NOT VOTING—5

Capito	Lummis	Sheehy
Cotton	Ossoff	

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.

The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING GERALD "JERRY" DANFORTH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and enduring legacy of Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Danforth. Mr. Danforth was a truly remarkable leader whose impact reached far beyond the Oneida Nation and into Native communities across the United States.

Mr. Danforth was born on December 24, 1946, on the Oneida Reservation to Leslie and Eva (Schuyler) Danforth. He had strong roots in his heritage and spent his life in service to others.

For 30 years, Mr. Danforth served with distinction in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of force master chief. He served during both the Vietnam war and Operation Desert Storm. In 1994, he retired from the U.S. Atlantic Fleet with a record of service marked by courage, discipline, and leadership.

When he returned home, Mr. Danforth focused on building a better future for the Oneida Nation. Elected in 1999 and 2005, he served as Tribal Chairman of the Oneida Nation for two non-consecutive terms. Mr. Danforth was a visionary advocate for Indian gaming and the vital importance of economic diversification. His leadership laid the groundwork for the Nation's self-sustaining and sovereign economy, which will benefit generations to come.

Mr. Danforth never wavered in his goal to improve the lives of the Oneida community. He worked to improve access to quality healthcare and education and to preserve the Oneida language and culture. He respected the General Tribal Council and made sure that the Oneida Nation's Government reflected the wishes of the people.

Mr. Danforth's leadership was firmly rooted in the principles of community well-being. He worked alongside the people of the Oneida Nation to address challenges, ignite change, and envision a better future. Mr. Danforth worked diligently to foster transparency, accountability, and consensus-based leadership. His commitment to good governance led to decisions that were consistently guided by the long-term welfare of the entire Oneida community.

Even after his terms as Chairman, Mr. Danforth continued his service to the Oneida people, serving as a judicial officer on the Oneida Appeals Commission, where he continued to advocate for fairness and accountability.

Beyond his extensive public service, Mr. Danforth was a family man who cherished time with his wife Pamela. They loved spending time in South Padre Island, fishing, having barbecues, and enjoying good food with friends. He also loved golfing, savoring red wine and chocolate, and baking pies. Through these little joys, he showed his warm personality, sense of humor, and love for life—qualities that many people admired about him.

Mr. Danforth is survived by his loving wife Pamela Johns Danforth; his children Paul Jameson (Virna), Steve Jameson (Cathy), Tanya Wood (Steve), Gerald Danforth, Jr. (Chitra), and Patrick Danforth; his stepson Keith Bimosae Johns Herman; his siblings James Danforth (Joanne) and Joanne Smith (the late Bruce Smith); and his treasured grandchildren: Alanna, Erin, Fiona, Ronan, Willem, Isobella, Eilish, Mariah Ciera, John Samantha, William, Gregory, Paul, Kaylah, and Analise.

Mr. Danforth will be remembered for his many contributions to the well-being of Native peoples and to the broader fabric of American life. His leadership, marked by unwavering integrity, thoughtful foresight, and genuine humility, will continue to be honored, admired, and emulated by generations to come.

May this statement serve as a fitting tribute to a life of remarkable distinction—a life dedicated to steadfast service to the Oneida Nation, to the United States, and to the fundamental cause of dignity and sovereignty for all Native peoples.

May his memory be a blessing, and may we carry forward his legacy with the same strength and spirit that defined his every step.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. SERVICEMEMBERS DEPLOYED TO ESTONIA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the servicemem-

bers from the 98th Expedition Signal Battalion, the 297th Regional Support group, the 1st Armored Division, the 200th Military Police, the 303rd Military Policy Company, the 3-321 Field Artillery Regiment, and the 41st Field Artillery Brigade who are currently serving alongside our NATO allies in Estonia. I had the opportunity to meet and talk with them during a recent visit, including several servicemembers from my home State of Florida. These brave American soldiers are currently serving alongside our NATO allies to protect against the threat of Putin's Russia. They are standing shoulder to shoulder with our allies who are putting their resources and citizens on the frontline. For them, the threat of an empowered Russia is not a theoretical one, but a tangible danger they deal with every day on the frontlines of the war. We are happy to support Estonia as they defend themselves and our NATO allies against this threat. I am honored today to recognize and honor the sacrifice of these Americans and the sacrifice of their families as they answer the call to protect their country and its allies.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOE AGUZZI

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, it is an honor to express my deep admiration and heartfelt respect for one of my constituents and dear friend Mr. Joe Aguzzi of Cleveland, MS, who celebrated his 99th birthday on May 8, 2025. At 99 years young, Joe continues to stand as a towering figure, not just in the field, but as a legacy for his family and the Mississippi farming community.

From guiding a mule across his family's fields as a youth to embracing precision agriculture in his golden years, Joe Aguzzi's journey reflects a rare combination of tradition and entrepreneurship. As the grandson of Italian immigrants who came to the Mississippi Delta seeking opportunity, Joe built a legacy that honors their sacrifice and uplifts the generations that follow.

Mr. Aguzzi's story is one of grit and grace. From his service as an 18-year-old infantry scout in World War II to returning home and helping shape what is now a multigenerational farming dynasty, Joe's story is a powerful testament to perseverance, family, and vision. The land his grandfather first tilled more than 100 years ago continues to bear fruit, thanks to the love and labor he poured into it and the wisdom passed down through four generations.

Joe is not only the patriarch of his family but a cornerstone of his community and an inspiration to all who believe in the power of perseverance, service, vision, and unwavering commitment to family and craft. Farming