

brought up their concerns, and efforts—strong efforts—are going to be made to answer those concerns with expanded—expanded—activity by the Capitol Police. But after the awful situation this weekend, there is real concern, not just here in the Capitol but with folks across the country, about the safety of elected officials.

These violent acts are an attack not just on the individuals who were targeted but on our democracy itself. Public servants should never have to fear for their lives simply for doing their jobs. There should not be an attempt to intimidate public servants not do their jobs or not to take their jobs. So we need to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of Members. That includes sending additional funding and resources to the Capitol Police. There was agreement today in the Senate, among Democrats and Republicans, that we ought to be spending some more dollars here to protect the Capitol, the Senators, and their staffs.

But it is amazing. Instead, the Trump administration is doing the exact opposite. USA Today reported that, as lone actor attacks are on the rise, Donald Trump had cut the program called AIMED at spotting them. This program is aimed to spot lone-actor, violent, domestic extremists—exactly what happened in Minnesota.

The day before a violent political attack in Minnesota [occurred], the last top officials at a program that aims to spot so-called “lone actor” violent domestic extremists were reassigned to other roles.

And that is USA Today’s reporting.

In the 4 months since Trump took office, his administration has shrunk the Department of Homeland Security’s Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships, known as CP3, from dozens of analysts and supervisors. Now it has fewer than 10 people, and it is led by a 22-year-old recent graduate with no law enforcement experience. Here we have more violent attacks, and at the same time, the Trump administration is cutting the very unit in law enforcement that is supposed to go after these lone-wolf, violent attacks and prevent them. Right now, we need to give law enforcement more resources to prevent these horrific attacks, not less. A program in charge of doing these things shouldn’t have fewer than 10 people and be led by a 22-year-old with no experience.

What I am saying here, that this program has been cut dramatically—the AIMED Program—will reverberate among everybody who wants a safer America and should reverberate among all elected officials, Democrat and Republican, about the need to keep this program.

So we need to give more resources to law enforcement, but let me be clear: This dangerous environment isn’t spontaneous. It is being stoked, often deliberately, by the reckless rhetoric coming from some of the most powerful voices in the country.

When political opponents are treated like enemies, danger follows. And that

is what Trump has done. He has weaponized the Justice Department and law enforcement. It is going after his political enemies instead of going after criminals.

It is the responsibility of all leaders, especially the President of the United States, to not just unequivocally condemn hatred but to stop violent and aggressive language against political opponents.

Trump has to see that his words have real impact and consequences, and here is one way he could start right now: He could demand of Senator LEE that he take down his inflammatory, despicable posts about the deaths of the two people in Minnesota. They are gross. They are disgusting. They are the kind of thing that just riles people up.

Let Trump call LEE up and say: Take them down. Take those posts down.

That will be a start. But in general, he has to stop treating his political opponents as enemies because danger will always follow.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mr. President, on reconciliation, last night, on the Senate Finance Committee, the Republicans released their portion of Donald Trump’s “Big Ugly Bill,” his big ugly betrayal, and—it is hard to believe—it is even worse than expected.

After Senate Republicans spent weeks promising they were going to moderate the House bill, they did just the opposite. They turned an ugly House bill into an outright travesty.

Senate Republicans should reject the proposals of the Finance Committee and start over, because if they proceed, they will harm tens of millions of Americans, kill millions of good-paying jobs, raise prices up on the average American, and help China.

Let’s go over these lowlights, starting with healthcare.

The House bill already had the biggest cuts to Medicaid in American history. They are regarded as devastating. But the Senate version is even worse than the House version. It is the House bill on steroids. The Medicaid cuts are deeper, reach further, and the redtape is even longer than what House Republicans came up with.

Under the Senate bill, tens of millions of Americans will lose health insurance, including working moms and dads. More hospitals will close, especially rural hospitals.

And I tell my colleagues: That is mainly in red States.

These rural hospitals are often the only way people get healthcare in the rural communities, and they are often the largest employer in the States as well.

Under their bill, doctors will lose their jobs. Nurses will lose their jobs. States will carry more and more of the burden, with fewer and fewer resources, which means cutbacks.

Premiums will go up. What the average American pays for healthcare will inevitably go up, even if you don’t have Medicare or Medicaid.

I know there are a number of Senate Republicans who were worried about the Medicaid cuts passed by the House, but because the Senate package is even worse, I urge these Republicans to forcefully reject this proposal quickly. We know that if only three or four Republicans went to Leader THUNE and said, “We can’t vote for this bill with these Medicaid cuts,” some of the cuts, at least, would be eliminated.

If they go along with this package—anyone who goes along with this package—they will be responsible for stealing healthcare from millions of their own constituents. That is true of Democrats and Republicans.

Now, what about clean energy jobs? Remember how the Senate Republicans spent weeks promising they would ease clean energy cuts passed by the House?

Well, the Senate Republican clean energy package is a total head fake. That is all it is. They are trying to act like they got better, but they didn’t. No matter what the Senate Republicans try to say about improving the House bill, the underlying substance did not change.

The Senate clean energy bill cuts are every bit as destructive as the House Republicans’. It phases out tax credits for wind and solar projects within 6 months.

These phaseouts are a death sentence for clean energy. Wind and solar represent more than 90 percent of the new electric power in the United States. It is the quickest, cheapest way to bring power.

What do Republicans think will happen when they raise taxes on 90 percent of our new electricity?

They are going to send electric bills soaring. They are going to kill good-paying clean energy jobs, and an estimated 850,000 people in the clean energy industry will lose their jobs. And they are going to surrender U.S. energy independence to China, which will leap ahead of us in wind and solar and dominate the world markets. American consumers will be at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party leaders, in terms of what they pay for electricity.

And these cuts will choke America’s energy output, right as we need to expand our capacity. We all know AI is going to demand huge amounts of electricity, and yet we cut off the quickest, cheapest way to add energy.

Many on the other side say: all of the above.

This is not all of the above. This is just taking the most polluting, most expensive, most time-consuming way of producing energy. That is what it allows. It takes away the rest.

Eighty percent of the clean energy investments, we know, have been in Republican districts. But Senate Republicans are going to shift those jobs overseas. For anyone who votes for this bill and has clean energy facilities in their States, they are going to close those factories, limit those factories, and send the jobs to China—just the opposite of what Trump says he wants to do.

The bad news keeps coming. The Senate proposal does nothing to moderate the House SNAP benefits. It is still the biggest cut to SNAP in history, depriving millions of kids and parents of vital food assistance.

Senate Republicans have even found a way to bow down to the radical gun lobby. Remember the House bill already had an insane provision that deregulated commonsense rules on silencers that go back almost a century? But Senate Republicans, refusing to be outdone by their extreme House colleagues, removed registration requirements not just for silencers but for short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and other devices.

This is unhinged. Shame on Senate Republicans for choosing the gun lobby over the lives of our kids. Their proposal will mean gun violence will rise, police officers will be put at risk, and innocent people will die.

Finally, why are Republicans doing all of this? What is their North Star? Tax cuts for billionaires, paid for by working families.

Here is the big difference, folks, between Democrats and Republicans: Democrats believe in lowering taxes, but we need to prioritize Americans who aren't ultrarich: working families, the middle class, parents raising their kids, and small business owners trying to grow.

But Republicans, meanwhile, believe in giving most of the help to the people at the very top. They believe that helping billionaires and big corporations is somehow going to make everyone better off. It has never worked. Trickle down is discredited. They cling to it because they are in the obeisance of a handful of very greedy billionaires who seem to run the Republican Party on economic issues.

Under their proposal, the top 0.1 percent of our earners will get an average tax cut of \$400,000. But families earning less than \$75,000 will be worse off. They will actually lose household wealth. Under \$75,000, you lose wealth. The top 0.1 percent, you gain an average cut of \$400,000.

Do the American people like that? The more they know, the less they like.

When you put it all together, the Senate Republican's version of Donald Trump's "Big Ugly Bill" is even worse than the House's. It makes even deeper cuts to healthcare. It destroys American clean energy. It raises costs on working and middle-class families, and rewards the billionaires at the very top of the economic ladder.

Mr. President, I have a few more things to say.

On abortion, next week marks a very grim anniversary in America: 3 years since the disastrous Dobbs decision. Three years later, 21 States have restricted the right to choose, and 14 States have practically total abortion bans.

And what is the Republicans' response? They want to keep going and attack reproductive care even more.

Deep inside the Republicans' "Big, Ugly Betrayal Bill," they have snuck in a backdoor abortion ban. First, they have a provision that would defund Planned Parenthood. Second, they have a provision to eliminate coverage for comprehensive reproductive care from the marketplace.

Senate Democrats will fight these devastating and deadly measures with everything we have got, including through the Byrd bath—both provisions have to go through the Byrd bath—because here are the consequences of the Republican provisions: 200 Planned Parenthood health centers in 24 States would close, and 90 percent of these closures would be in States where abortion is currently legal. So much for State's rights—not when it comes to abortion or guns with this Republican Party.

Why are they doing this? Well, part of it is ideological, and part of it is to fund tax cuts for billionaires. It is an assault not just on Planned Parenthood, not just on reproductive care but on every woman in America.

Democrats will fight these backdoor abortion bans with every fiber of our being.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. President, finally, on Senator PADILLA's speech—I see he has just come into the Chamber.

Today, at 12:30, our colleague Senator PADILLA will speak on the Senate floor for the first time since he was forcibly removed from a public briefing just for doing his job.

I will be here on the floor to listen to Senator PADILLA's speech. I encourage all of my colleagues—Democrat and Republican—to come and listen as well.

What Senator PADILLA experienced last week sickened all of us to our core—sickened every decent American to their core. No Senator should be treated the way he was—manhandled, taken to the ground, and handcuffed.

It is not a moment for partisanship. Oh, no, it is about all Senators supporting a colleague who was treated inexcusably for doing his job.

I look forward to hearing Senator PADILLA's speech later, and I encourage all of my colleagues to do the same.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). 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. 98, Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025.

John Thune, John Boozman, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Marshall, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley B. Moody, Ted Budd, John Barrasso, Marsha Blackburn, Roger F. Wicker, Steve

Daines, Mike Rounds, Jon A. Husted, Markwayne Mullin, Rick Scott of Florida, Pete Ricketts.

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 Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025, 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 Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

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

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGU), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 314 Ex.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—39

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

NOT VOTING—15

Britt	Gallego	Rosen
Budd	Kelly	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Moran	Welch
Fischer	Peters	Wicker