

has introduced a war powers resolution to stop Donald Trump from turning these Iran bombings into another endless war in the Middle East.

Americans don't need another war. Americans don't want another war. They need and want good jobs and lower prices, and that is exactly what we should be focused on.

#### ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. President, now, when Donald Trump ran for President, he promised over and over that he would lower costs on day one. His words: On day one.

And after he was elected, he was told that his policies would drive up costs. Trump said he "couldn't care less." Now we are on day 154, and costs are up. Families are paying more for gas, more for housing, more for electricity. Prices are even going up on baby strollers—or as Donald Trump calls them "the thing you carry the babies around in." Yeah, Donald Trump, man of the people.

So, logically, right now, Republicans in Congress are ramming through Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, a bill that is not designed to bring down costs, but that will rip away healthcare from over 16 million people and hand that money over to every billionaire CEO who paid to be in the front row at Donald Trump's inauguration.

For anyone who is watching, I am here today to read into the RECORD 10 ways that Trump and Republicans' Big Beautiful Bill will make your life more expensive:

One, your utility bills may go up. The Republicans' bill will get rid of investments that we have made in clean energy. Now, we need that energy, and the Republicans take our country backwards. It also means that the price of electricity will go up for American families like yours.

Two, your rent could go up. How? Republicans are trying to block State and local governments from fighting schemes that predatory housing companies use to artificially jack up the price of rent.

Three, if you are a kid from a working-class family and you don't have the money to write one check to pay for college, Republicans will make that even more expensive for you. That is right, Republicans want to make it more expensive for you to go to college. They are cutting Pell grants.

Four, Republicans are making your student loan payments go up. Independent experts explain that by changing how student repayment plans work, Republicans could raise your student loan payments by an average of \$400 a month.

Five, Republicans are making it more expensive to go to medical school. I can't believe I have to say this, but rich kids should not be the only ones who can become doctors. But this bill would limit how much you could take out to go to medical school, how much you can get in loans.

Six, Republicans are making the cost of groceries go up with this bill. They

are cutting food assistance, or SNAP, by nearly \$200 per person per year. More than 7 million people will have less help, including more than 4 million people who will lose their food assistance altogether.

Seven, Republicans are increasing the cost of prescription drugs for millions of Americans by demanding that States require higher copays for prescription drugs from \$4 to \$35, the cost of a prescription will go up nearly 900 percent for people on Medicaid.

Eight, Republicans will send your Affordable Care Act premiums skyrocketing, pushing them up by thousands of dollars, and in some cases, tens of thousands of dollars every year.

Nine, Republicans will drive up the cost of private health insurance. More than half of all Americans get their insurance through their employer. When a portion of the uncompensated care that happens under the Republican bill is shifted to private insurers, experts estimate that the cost to your family will be increased by hundreds of dollars a year.

And 10, Republicans are ripping health insurance away entirely from 16 million people. For those people who will be uninsured, the cost of essential services like x-rays and blood tests will go up, a trip to the emergency room if, God forbid, there is an accident could mean that they go bankrupt. And that is just 10 ways that this bill could raise your costs. That is bad.

But what makes the bill worse is the money you lose does not pay down the national debt or help us rebuild our roads and bridges. Nope. The money you lose will be handed directly to a handful of giant corporations and billionaires in the form of new tax giveaways. Yes, Republicans are stealing your healthcare to pay for Jeff Bezos's third yacht. And at the same time that working families are worried about war and are scraping together enough money to put food on the table, Jeff Bezos is already celebrating by renting out Venice—all of Venice—for his \$10 million wedding. Wow.

With control of the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, this is what Republicans decided to do with their power. They decided to drive up your costs and rip healthcare coverage from millions of people. Really? Just imagine that. The Republicans have virtually unlimited power, and they want to use it to kick newborn babies out of the hospital and take wheelchairs away from people with disabilities, all so they can give that money to their billionaire friends and their big corporate donors. It is sickening, and I am angry.

I am angry because I believe it shouldn't just be rich kids who are able to afford a trip to the hospital when they fall down and break an arm.

I am angry because I believe it isn't just babies from wealthy families who should be able to afford a trip to the pediatrician when they get an ear infection. I am angry because I believe it

isn't just parents who are Wall Street bankers who should be able to pay for cancer treatments for their kids. Our Nation is better than that.

My Republican colleagues should feel ashamed. Experts have run the numbers: 51,000 more people every year will die unnecessarily if this Republican bill becomes law. And the Republican reaction? Senator JONI ERNST proclaimed:

Well, we're all going to die.

As recently as today, MITCH MCCONNELL is telling Republicans behind closed doors that their party can take a sledgehammer to Medicaid and ignore people's concerns because "they'll get over it." Really? Seniors in nursing homes who get kicked to the curb won't get over it. Little kids who find their mom or dad on the kitchen floor after they couldn't afford insulin won't get over it. Parents who rely on Medicaid to take care of their kids with a disability won't get over it. Because, make no mistake, people won't stop getting sick; they will just stop getting care. And it doesn't matter if you are in a red State or a blue State either.

No, if Senate Republicans cut Medicaid, we will not get over it. We will hold you accountable at the ballot box.

But right now, this bill is not law. We still have time to stop it, and that is exactly what we should do. Democrats will vote no. We will all vote no. We just need a few courageous Republicans, people who care more about working people instead of billionaires, just a few courageous Republicans to join us and to stop the "Big Beautiful Betrayal" from becoming law.

I yield the floor.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would like to just briefly talk about the postponement of our hearing that was supposed to be occurring at this time. This last-minute postponement is outrageous, evasive, derelict. Senators deserve full transparency, and the administration has a legal obligation to inform Congress precisely about what is happening.

What is the administration so afraid of? Why won't they engage with Congress on the critical details—the results of the recent strike, the scope and trajectory of this conflict, the administration's long-term strategy to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and, of course, the potential risks facing American citizens and our brave servicemembers? Such obstruction undermines the very principles of accountability and oversight that guard our democracy.

So if the press reporting about the impact of last weekend's strikes in Iran is true—and I cannot confirm them—then that might be the reason why the administration postponed our classified briefing today at the very

last minute and deprived Senators of their right to know what is happening.

So I ask again, What is the administration hiding? It is time for answers.

I thank my colleague from Delaware for her courtesy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

#### ABORTION

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, there are moments in our lives when everything changes, when the world shifts underneath you and a new reality forms. These are moments when you remember exactly where you were, what you were doing, and who you were with.

June 24, 2022, was one of those days. Three years ago, I marched with my House colleagues to the Supreme Court. I stood in solidarity with Democrats and Republicans alike. We felt shock, disbelief, anger, and sadness at the loss of one of our fundamental rights. On that day, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, and for many, their lives were turned upside down.

Since then, extreme Republicans and President Trump have said that abortion is a States' rights issue—States' rights. Yet, over the last 3 years, we have watched as quietly and purposefully they have chipped away at our rights, chipped away at our bodily autonomy, because the goal has always been a national abortion ban.

Three Trump-appointed Supreme Court Justices and the Dobbs decision later and we are still watching this unfold. Anti-abortion extremists have been piecing together a puzzle that, when it is completed, will create a national abortion ban, and they add a new piece each and every day.

Over the next hour, my colleagues and I will lay out what the Republican national abortion ban looks like, what it means for everyday Americans, and what we can do about it because these efforts will hurt all of us—especially young women, women of low income, women in rural areas, and women of color.

For me, this is personal. I could have lost my daughter-in-law because she did not get the care she needed. And I remember getting a call on Christmas morning. I was in the kitchen, I was cooking, and I heard my daughter-in-law on the other end of the phone say: Mom, my water just broke. It is too soon.

She went to the hospital, but, again, the hospital we went to could not provide the care that she needed for the miscarriage that she was having, and they sent her home. I remember thinking about all the committee hearings that I had on the Health Subcommittee in—the Health Committee in the House and how the data was clear that we in this country have a maternal mortality crisis, that Black women die three times the rate of our White counterparts, and all I could think was, we have to get you somewhere. And we did.

Fortunately, Ebony is here alive today. Fortunately, Ebony was able to have my beautiful granddaughter—because of IVF, I might add.

But stories like these are all too common. It disproportionately affects Black and Brown women. We face reproductive challenges. We have a higher mortality rate. We have higher rates of reproductive cancers. We have higher rates of preterm births.

Like I said, this is personal.

We are here today to show the American people that we did not forget about the Dobbs decision, especially because the majority of Americans—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—believe that we should have legal and safe abortions.

We are here today to tell the Republican Party: You can't have it both ways. You can't claim to be the party of personal freedom while telling us what to do with our bodies.

President Trump, you can't claim to be the fertilization President while making it more dangerous for women to give birth.

You can't claim to be the party of strong economic growth while cutting Medicaid, food assistance, and childcare for many women who need it to participate in the workforce—and all to give tax breaks to people who already have all of these resources.

We are here today to show extreme Republicans across the Nation that we see what you are doing—quietly assembling the pieces of the puzzle. And when it is completed, it will strip Americans of their access to abortion care in red States and blue States.

We are here to show just how important it is that we fight this reconciliation bill. Whether you call it a "Big Bad Bill" or whether you call it a "Big Ugly Bill," whatever you call it, this is the moment for people to speak up because it is just another piece of the puzzle, and we are here to shine a light on the ultimate goal of a national abortion ban.

I stand here, and I think about the young women I saw as I came to this floor. I think about my niece. I think about my daughter and I think about my granddaughter and the fact that they now have less rights than I did, than my mother did, and than my grandmother did and that today it is important for us to not forget and to make sure that we recognize what this is all about and that we want the best for our young people in this country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I want to make sure that the country and this institution knows that the leadership of our new colleague from the State of Delaware is making a difference already. She has been doing yeoman's work on this for quite some time.

In fact, in the other body, as it is called, the House of Representatives, she stood for the values that have been expressed here today and we so appre-

ciate her leadership and I thank her, personally, for including me.

We are on the floor to mark an anniversary of what was essentially the end of women having power over healthcare decisions. Before *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, many of my Democratic colleagues and I warned that it would be deadly for women. We were labeled liars and gaslighters and fearmongers. And, unfortunately, for the women of America, you don't have to take our word for it. Since the Dobbs ruling was handed down 3 years ago, 22 States have passed restrictive, near- or total abortion bans, and countless women have died as a direct result of those laws.

In Georgia, Amber Nicole Thurman died after she developed an infection during pregnancy and was denied lifesaving reproductive care under her State's new abortion law.

In Texas, Porsha Ngumezi, a mom of two, was expecting her third child when she suddenly developed complications and began miscarrying. She died after going to the ER where she was denied the care she needed, and she was left to bleed out all because her doctors were too scared to perform the necessary medical care under Texas's abortion law.

Josseli Barnica of Texas was pregnant, hoping to give her daughter another sibling, when she developed complications with her pregnancy. She rushed to the hospital where doctors left her to suffer for 40 hours without giving her the healthcare she needed. That was because it was illegal under Texas law. She died 3 days later after developing a preventable infection because she had been denied care.

Despite Federal law that requires providers to give women reproductive care in emergency medical situations, these States are letting women die anyway. Every single one of these deaths was preventable if Republican lawmakers hadn't put abortion bans in place that threaten doctors and hospitals with jail time and other legal actions if they provide necessary reproductive care.

Many of the women hurt by these abortion bans are already mothers or women hoping to start a family, but because they are being denied necessary care, those that don't die are often being left with complications that take away their ability to have kids in the future.

In Tennessee, Breanna Cecil had to travel out of State, all the way to Chicago, to get an abortion after a complication with her pregnancy. But before returning to Tennessee, she developed a recurring infection that resulted in invasive surgery that left her infertile. Breanna says that her State's strict abortion law "took away her fertility."

So I am going to end very briefly by fast forwarding to 2025. Republicans don't seem to have learned any lessons. They don't seem phased by the pain and suffering their laws are causing