

refuse to give up. We will not settle for a world in which our daughters and our granddaughters have fewer rights than their moms and fewer rights than their grandmas.

We need to codify the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law once and for all and guarantee the right to access care. That is why we must pass the Women's Health Protection Act—the first step in addressing the devastating reproductive healthcare crisis that Dobbs unleashed—and keep fighting any effort to deprive women of the healthcare we need and deserve.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, as I close out this time, I had written prepared remarks for my closing, but a word keeps ringing over and over in my head, and that word is "freedom." As I stand here, why today is so important is because it is again another chip chipping at our freedoms.

I stand here as a Black woman who has, in our history, knowledge of what it means for your bodily autonomy to be taken.

I stand here, today, looking at a picture of my granddaughter, who I want to have the same rights that I had growing up.

Today, we mark a 3-year anniversary, but we also have an opportunity to commit to what our future will look like.

This very week, we potentially will see a bill on this floor that will again chip away—chip away—at healthcare, when we know that 40 percent of the births in this country are through Medicaid; chip away at our rights.

So I thank my colleagues for their powerful words today. I thank all of the advocates who came and spoke to us today, all of the individuals who are still fighting the good fight to make sure that we have the rights that we deserve.

I will end with a story of an individual who I just met today. Her name is Nancy Davis, and she is a patient in Louisiana.

She said:

When I was 10 weeks pregnant, doctors informed me that my baby had acrania, a rare condition that was fatal for my baby, and dangerous for me.

Naturally, I was heartbroken and scared, but I trusted that I would receive the necessary medical treatment so that my family and I could begin healing.

Unfortunately, I was wrong.

Just a few weeks before I received my diagnosis, the Supreme Court issued the decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and eliminating the legal right to abortion.

The fallout from that decision was fast, with states across the country starting to enforce cruel and dangerous abortion bans.

My home state of Louisiana has some of the strictest abortion laws in the country, and even though I needed to terminate my pregnancy to protect my own health and safety, I was told I could not receive care at the hospital in Baton Rouge.

Instead of being able to process the diagnosis and grieve the loss of the pregnancy at

home with my family, I had to scramble to find a way out of Louisiana to access abortion care.

I found myself in a situation I never thought I would be in, forced to travel 1,500 miles to get the care that I needed and deserved.

I experienced not only a denial of necessary medical care, but a denial of compassion, and my right to make my own decisions about my own health.

I felt dehumanized and stripped of my most fundamental rights.

I knew what I needed to do to protect my health, and my doctors agreed. But local lawmakers who will never know me or understand my situation had the final say.

The system failed me, and I am just as outraged today as I was then.

Today, let's turn that outrage into action. Spread the word about what is coming to this floor. Make sure that people stand up, use their voices, use this moment.

Freedom. That is what this is about—freedom.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

#### WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Dabbar nomination.

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

#### 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 bill 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. 140, Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, Jim Justice, Dan Sullivan, Pete Ricketts, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Jon A. Husted, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott of Florida, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Ashley B. Moody, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Boyd Britt.

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 Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 56, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Ex.]

#### YEAS—56

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	King	Sheehy
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Warner
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	

#### NAYS—42

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Reed
Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	Lujan	Schumer
Cortez Masto	Markey	Slotkin
Duckworth	Merkley	Smith
Durbin	Murphy	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gallago	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Paul	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Peters	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—2

Coons  
Shaheen

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 56, the nays are 42. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMBER MOYERMAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I want to take a few moments to recognize Amber Moyerman on her dedicated service to the U.S. Senate. After more than 25 years in the Senate, including 18 years in my office as deputy chief of staff and administrative director, she will be retiring at the end of the month.

Amber grew up in Indian Head, MD. She graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, MD. She continued her education at the College of Southern Maryland where she earned an associate's degree.

In 2000, Amber began her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant on the Senate Committee on Finance under the leadership of Chairman William Roth. She quickly rose through the ranks on the committee and served for many years as the deputy clerk. In

2006, Amber started a new role as administrative manager for Wyoming's U.S. Senator Craig Thomas. When I was appointed to the U.S. Senate in June 2007, Amber agreed to stay on board and continue working for the people of Wyoming.

As my deputy chief of staff, she has served with distinction, professionalism, and grace. Since day one, Amber has helped guide my office. She was always the first staffer to get into the office every day. Her dependability, dedication, and organizational skills made Amber an indispensable member of my team. She also routinely went above and beyond to make sure our staff had the resources they needed to succeed at work and at home.

While we are all sad to see Amber go, we are all happy to know she is retiring to sunny Florida with her beloved husband Shane and daughter Alexandra. I am grateful Amber chose to dedicate her career to helping make Wyoming and our country a better place. We wish her every success as she embarks on this new adventure.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. President, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted: no on rollcall vote No. 302, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 303, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 323, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 138, Daniel Zimmerman, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DARIN J. DURAND

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Col. Darin Durand, a great American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force.

As the Air National Guard Liaison to the Department of the Air Force's Senate Liaison Division from May 2023 to December 2024, Colonel Durand performed his duties with exceptional professionalism during the 118th Congress. Hailing from Plattsmouth, NE, he is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He represents a true Total Force officer, having served over 26 years on Active Duty, in the Air Force Reserve, and in the Air National Guard. Like his father, Col. Arthur Durand, U.S. Air Force retired, and his younger brother Lt. Col. Ryan Durand, U.S. Space Force retired, he has demonstrated exceptional and unrivaled officership throughout his career. He served in various personnel, command,

and special staff positions with experience at the squadron, group, wing, major command, and combatant command level and deployed in support of Operations Allied Force and Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Durand distinguished himself with professionalism and dedication as the sole Air National Guard Legislative Liaison in the Department of the Air Force's Senate Liaison office. In this role, he advised Department of the Air Force senior leaders and helped shape over 150 strategic engagements with Senators, Congressmen, and staffers to advance U.S. Air Force and Space Force priorities. He provided seamless collaboration with the Department of the Air Force in all 100 Senate offices. In 20 of those offices, one which was mine, he was the principal Air Force liaison to 20 Senators and their staffs. He also collaborated closely with the Senate Space Force Caucus to effectively educate Senate offices and defense committees on the Department of Defense's newest military branch and its alignment with the National Defense Strategy's focus on Reoptimization for Great Power Competition.

A driven leader skilled at building relationships, Colonel Durand spearheaded initiatives within Headquarters Air Force that bridged the information gap between Members of Congress and the Department of the Air Force. He fostered a shared understanding of congressional priorities and Departmental objectives, enabling the alignment of goals and a cohesive, multifunctional approach to achieving them. He directly supported the successful execution of nine Senate confirmation, posture, and subcommittee hearings, and he provided the Senate with critical information and language refinements necessary to complete the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

Colonel Durand's commitment to enhancing global partnerships was evident when he planned, executed and led 13 congressional and staff delegation trips. These trips within the United States and overseas, supported the Air Force Caucus, State delegations, key Senate committees, and our allies and partners. These interactions successfully strengthened international collaboration and cultivated relationships crucial for advancing shared defense priorities and select Department of the Air Force equities. His direct involvement and oversight helped Members of Congress make informed decisions to ensure the Department of the Air Force possessed the right authorities and resources necessary to equip our warfighters and fulfill its role.

One highlight is Colonel Durand co-leading the Senate delegation for the bicameral 2023 and 2024 Reagan National Defense Forums. His significant efforts resulted in more than 70 successful engagements between Senators, current and former administration officials, senior military leaders, industry executives, technology innovators, and leading-edge thought leaders. These

interactions helped my colleagues and our staffs advance conversations and collaborations critical to achieving our shared national security goal of peace through strength.

Colonel Durand became a fixture on Capitol Hill, before moving on to serve as the Air National Guard adviser to the director of the Air Force's legislative liaison in Washington. I know he is forever grateful to his wife Frances for her unwavering commitment and many sacrifices in supporting his calling in the defense of our Nation.

I am thankful for Col. Darin Durand's service and his work with my office and the Senate over the past 2 years on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING ACORN BLUFF FARMS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Acorn Bluff Farms of Columbus Junction, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2016, while actively serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Seth Todd teamed up with his younger brother Kenan Todd to launch their own hog farm in southeast Iowa. Both Iowa State University graduates, the brothers researched the complex genetics and breed options for their heritage pork operation. After thoughtful consideration and several taste testings, the two settled on Mangalitsa pigs, a prized breed known for its rich fattiness and complex flavor profile, recognized as the Kobe of pork. The brothers secured a two-acre parcel of organic farmland from a 200-year-old homestead farm in Columbus Junction. Even after the start of their business, Seth continued to serve in the Marines as a heavy equipment mechanic while Kenan continued to practice as a physical therapist. The brothers began selling their products at the Columbus Junction Farmer's Market, where the Mangalitsa pork became an instant hit.

As the brand continued to grow, especially after the Associated Press published a report highlighting the young farm, Acorn Bluff Farms expanded their sales into the online marketplace. Seth and Kenan's brother Jared leads the digital operation and serves as a co-owner of the family business. Acorn Bluff Farms sells their specialty products direct-to-consumer. The farm boasts locally and nationally famous boar sausage, chorizo, bacon, and pork chops, in addition to variety boxes and sampler packs. The Todd brothers perfected a strict breeding standard and