

States the choice between regulating AI or accepting Federal funding under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. This means States would have to choose between freezing all regulations on artificial intelligence for the next decade or giving up specific Federal funding.

In addition to preventing new State regulations, it would make many of the laws already passed by States unenforceable regarding issues of AI, such as political deepfakes, face recognition, and algorithmic discrimination.

We are currently living with the results of our failure to regulate Big Tech when it came to social media. Let's not make the same mistake when it comes to AI.

This provision by Senator CRUZ will allow Big Tech and bad actors to prey on the lack of regulations in the AI space and develop deceptive, biased, and potentially dangerous tools that hurt ordinary Americans and diminish trust in technology.

Senator CRUZ claims the provisions would only affect a State's eligibility to receive a part of the \$500 million Federal investment, but as my Democratic colleagues Senator CANTWELL and MARKEY have pointed out, there is also a stipulation in the provision that would hold \$42 billion in essential broadband program funding hostage. This would force States to choose between protecting consumers from AI-related harm or expanding critical broadband.

Senator CRUZ's provision provides greater harm to the American people than good. And listen, it says that this will be for 10 years. I would like to say that I am confident the Federal Government would respond within 10 years, but there is still no guarantee.

I promise to support any amendment that will remove the AI pause provision from this bill, and I hope my Republican colleagues will do the same.

So now is the real test for my Senate Republican colleagues. Will they stand with President Trump and provide tax breaks for multimillionaires and billionaires or will they stand with their hard-working constituents and reject this betrayal?

What is more important, a tax break for Elon Musk or the health insurance of 16 million in America? What is more important, a tax break for the wealthiest people in America or your rural hospital?

I think people know that when it comes to the quality of life, the hospital is more important, and health insurance is critical.

I hope, for the sake of our country, four Republican Senators will have the courage to step up and choose their constituents over special interest groups.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 5:45 p.m.,

the Senate execute the order of June 24 with respect to the Kies nomination, and following disposition of the Kies nomination, the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Ms. COLLINS. 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.

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

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

The Senator from Iowa.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to use a prop during my remarks.

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

#### FOR SALE ACT OF 2025

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, Uncle Sam is the Nation's largest landlord. Yet he will never win a round of Monopoly, the classic board game where players try to make money and avoid going bankrupt by buying, renting, and selling property.

That is because Uncle Sam, who is already \$37 trillion in debt, refuses to sell off unused and unneeded properties that are costing tens of millions of dollars a year to maintain.

Many of Uncle Sam's properties are also fixer-uppers, requiring billions of dollars in much needed renovations and overdue upgrades, some of which are listed on this board.

Holding on to unaffordable properties that are nearly vacant while being just a roll or two away from going bankrupt is not only a losing strategy in Monopoly but also a bad game plan in real life.

But Uncle Sam gets away with it because Washington plays by its own set of rules. And no matter how you roll the dice, "Washington-opoly" is a losing game for taxpayers.

To demonstrate, why don't we go ahead and play a round.

OK. That was my attempt to roll the dice—so three. We rolled a three. One, two, three.

OK. We landed on the Department of Agriculture, South Building in Washington, DC. And guess what, folks. It is owned by good old Uncle Sam.

Let's look at the stats for the USDA South Building. Seventy-eight percent of this building isn't even being used on a day-to-day basis. Yet we are paying more than \$11 million for utilities every single year, and the building requires \$1.7 billion for repairs and upgrades.

We could hold on to this property and pay these costs for a nearly empty building or we could sell it and make \$261 million or more.

What would you do?

Well, Uncle Sam has decided to keep it and is passing along the costs to tax-

payers. So let's roll again. OK. Two. We got two.

Let's see. One, two. Great.

We landed on Community Chest. So let's pick a card. Community Chest. Pay \$318 million for unused property. That is right, folks. Every year, Uncle Sam pays out over \$81 million maintaining underutilized offices. This includes nearly 7,700 vacant buildings and another 2,265 that are largely empty.

No wonder the nonpartisan Public Buildings Reform Board says Washington's "wasteful real estate practices would not endure for so long in a private sector company."

But when playing "Washington-opoly," Uncle Sam doesn't pay the costs for his wasteful decisions; you do.

How about we take one more turn? Six. One, two, three, four, five, and six. This time we landed on Chance. So we get to pick another card. So there we go. There is our Chance card. Pass the For Sale Act and advance to Go.

Folks, that is exactly the type of Chance we need to protect taxpayers. Selling off Uncle Sam's unneeded property has long been tied up by overly restrictive redtape and bureaucratic barriers.

To revamp Washington's real estate rules, I introduced the For Sale Act. Passing this bill will put six pieces of prime property in the Nation's Capital on the auction block immediately. Selling just these spots will bring in at least \$400 million, while also canceling costs, including \$2.9 billion in overdue maintenance.

This is just the first step in downsizing Uncle Sam's unused, unneeded, and unaffordable real estate holdings. To any interested potential buyers, you can build a house or even a hotel on these properties and earn rent just like Monopoly. But best of all, taxpayers finally get to advance to Go and collect \$400 million. That, folks, is how you win the game.

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.

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

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

The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask permission to speak as if in morning business for 5 minutes.

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

#### REMEMBERING CAL ANDERSON

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I know people from all over Washington State have been celebrating Pride this month, and many are going to be heading to Seattle this weekend, and a lot of those celebrations will actually be taking place at Cal Anderson Park in Capitol Hill. For those who don't know, Cal was a friend of mine, so I want to

share a little about his story and how it relates to what is happening in our country today.

Cal was a Vietnam veteran and Washington's first openly gay State legislator. During my time as a State senator, we worked together to help make State government more accessible to the public. But in 1995, like so many at that time, we lost Cal too soon as a result of his AIDS diagnosis.

I remember visiting him in the hospital just a month before he passed, and, of course, he wasn't focused on himself. He was telling me, newly elected to the U.S. Senate, what I needed to do to make healthcare better for other people in our country.

That is still relevant today as we face down Republican attacks on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. Cal's election back then was a huge step towards equality, and he really helped change people's opinions.

I have served now on the Senate Appropriations Committee since I was first elected here and have always kept stories like Cal's close to me, fighting to invest in medical research and HIV prevention programs, year after year.

Over the years, we have made enormous and tremendous strides in the fight to prevent and even cure HIV and AIDS so that others do not suffer that fate that Cal did.

NIH funding is supporting work to discover an HIV vaccine. And, separately, PEPFAR, which helps prevent HIV infections around the world, has been one of the most effective programs in our country's history.

But Donald Trump has now terminated more than \$250 million in NIH funding supporting work to discover an HIV vaccine. Much of that work happened at Fred Hutch in Seattle for over 20 years. And now he is pushing Congress to pass hundreds of millions in cuts to PEPFAR.

And it is not just that. Trump is terminating all kinds of NIH studies if they even have the words "gay" or "trans" in them.

He is overseeing an all-out government campaign to turn back the clock and go after our trans friends and loved ones. It is totally wrong, and it is backwards.

Pride this year represents tremendous progress, but that progress is being threatened today like never before. So to everyone who is heading to Cal Anderson Park this weekend, I hope you will join me in reflecting on Cal's story, remembering how his fight matters today, and using your voice to speak up against this discrimination and this administration.

We can't let them sweep these attacks on science and the LGBTQ community under the rug. Let's keep fighting together to end HIV and AIDS, to protect healthcare for everyone, and for equal rights under the law no matter who you are or whom you love because in the end, we will win.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

HONORING THE LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND LEGACY OF FREDERICK W. SMITH

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, our Nation lost a revolutionary business leader, a committed philanthropist, an incredible Tennessean; his name, Fred Smith.

Like all great leaders, Fred had a vision for a better future, and he did everything possible to make it happen. That is why, in 1973, he founded FedEx with a simple yet bold idea: improve overnight delivery.

Today, we take instant shipping for granted in many ways. It is the engine of our global economy, but back then, it was not considered to be a practical or workable idea.

So it took Fred to make it happen. He pioneered innovations in transportation and logistics, and those pioneering innovations have defined the industry ever since. He truly led the way, and it was not easy. But with his commitment to excellence, he grew FedEx into a \$53 billion company that employs half a million people, connects more than 220 countries and territories, and moves more than 17 million shipments each and every day.

Even with his global accomplishments, Fred never lost sight of home. He based his company in his hometown of Memphis, turning the city into a center for global logistics. And through his philanthropic support for education, community programs, arts, healthcare, and more, he always found ways to give back to his community and to make Memphis a better place.

In many ways, service truly defined his life. Before founding FedEx, Fred served for 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam. He was decorated with a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts.

But for Fred, the greatest honor was serving alongside his troops as a company commander. In an interview last year, Fred recounted a time when the men in his company dug his foxhole for him so that he could get more rest.

They were as tired or more tired, but they took their energy to take care of me. And it was one of the best things that ever happened to me, because it told me they cared for me, they appreciated my leadership.

We should all be grateful for Fred Smith and that he chose a life of leadership and service.

On behalf of all Tennesseans, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Fred's beloved wife Diane, his nine children, and his entire family.

Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 308, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 308) honoring the life, achievements, and legacy of Frederick W. Smith.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 308) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF DOBBS V. JACKSON  
WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, this week has given the pro-life movement quite a bit to celebrate. On Tuesday, we marked the third anniversary of the landmark decision in Dobbs v. Jackson. And today the U.S. Supreme Court delivered another life-affirming victory in the Medina v. Planned Parenthood case out of South Carolina, holding that States can defund the abortion industry by ensuring that abortion providers are excluded from the States' Medicaid Program.

This commonsense decision from the Supreme Court reinforces the important work that pro-life lawmakers are doing at the State and Federal level to keep tax dollars out of the abortion business. We can rest easy knowing that pro-life States across America are fiercely protecting the lives of innocent, unborn children.

But a child's right to exist should not depend on geography, and that is why my fellow pro-life colleagues join me on the Senate floor today to commemorate this time when the responsibility of protecting human life has been returned to the people and their elected leaders at both the State and Federal level.

Three years ago, the Supreme Court held that:

The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.

I am especially proud that my home State of Mississippi was at the center of this historic decision. The Dobbs landmark decision and all those involved in making it happen are very close to my heart, including my friends Representative Becky Currie of Brookhaven, MS, who authored the bill, and Attorney General Lynn Fitch, who represented our State so well in the Supreme Court. The High Court gave us exactly what we asked for.

Two hundred twenty-seven of my pro-life colleagues in Congress joined me on the brief we filed in Dobbs asserting that "it is long overdue for this Court to return lawmaking to legislatures . . . we respectfully urge the