

backed down for now thanks in part to so many of my Democratic colleagues who have spoken out against these outrageous abuses of power that will hurt our constituents, but the chaos over the last 48 hours is only a sign of things to come throughout this administration that has just begun.

I would like to speak to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for just a moment.

Yes, you all won the majority in this November's election. I respect that. I am not an election denier. But for those of you who just won your campaign, who were just elected, and who just joined the Senate—actually, I think, to everybody, whether you were elected now, 2 years ago, or 4 years ago, I will ask you this: When you ran for the Senate, for the privilege to serve in this body, did you run on a platform of cutting veterans' housing assistance? Did you reach out to voters who are now your constituents and say "Vote for me, and I will cut school lunch programs"? Did you suggest during the courses of your campaigns that, if elected, you would cut disaster relief?

As a colleague, I ask you this: Are you more loyal to your oath of office, to your constituents, and the Constitution or are you more loyal to a wannabe dictator—Trump? Are you just going to stand down silently while he tramples all over your independent constitutional authority and then race to either Mar-a-Lago or to the White House for a picture and for him to thank you? Your silence over the last 48 hours is deafening.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

### TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA BAJJALIEH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Americans across the country depend on their elected officials, not only to represent their interests in government, but also to provide every day support and services. But what most Americans do not see is the staff that make it all possible. Today, I want to take a moment to tell you about one invaluable member of my team: Cynthia Bajjalieh. For 20 years, Cynthia, my director of constituent services, has been living, breathing proof that the purpose of government is to help people. I am sad to share that this Friday will mark her last day on our staff. Her de-

parture leaves a void that will be hard to fill.

Cynthia got her start on my staff as an intern, serving out of our Chicago office. I have long told the hard-working young people who work for me: "Treat each constituent as you would your own grandmother." During her outstanding service to our State, Cynthia took this to heart, serving the people of Illinois as if they were her own family.

That directive has defined Cynthia's service to our State and this Nation. Over the past two decades on my team, she has become an integral part of the heart of our office—a problem solver, a redtape cutter, and goodwill ambassador all rolled into one person.

Cynthia always takes the time to get to know the whole story. Ask her about any case she has handled, and chances are she will recall not only the constituent's name but also the names of their family members and details about their lives. She cares deeply about her work and the lives of others.

You can find examples of this in her work each and every day, but one of my favorite stories is from 2018, when Cynthia got a call from the Sisters of Mercy about a Congolese mother who had been separated from her young daughter. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) would eventually take this case to Federal court to stop the cruel practice of family separation and force the government to reunite more than 2,000 children with their parents. It also was Cynthia who fielded hundreds of calls from Americans stranded around the world—and on cruise ships—during the pandemic, helping them get their medications and find their way back home.

To me, Cynthia truly is a miracle worker. For so many Illinoisans over the last 20 years, she has made the seemingly impossible, possible. And she does it all with a smile and compassion. Cynthia embodies how the government should serve Americans; I am lucky to have had her on my team. I wish her all the best as she begins the next chapter of her life.

### SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the memberships on the twelve subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations for the 119th Congress be printed in the RECORD. I thank Senator MURRAY, the vice chair of the committee, for her leadership and cooperation with me in making these important assignments.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Collins, as Chair of the Committee, and Senator Murray, as Vice Chair of the Committee, are ex officio members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Hoeven (chair), McConnell, Collins, Moran, Hyde-Smith, Fischer, Mullin, Rounds, Shaheen (ranking member), Merkley, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, Gillibrand, and Ossoff. (8-7)

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Moran (chair), Murkowski, Collins, Graham, Capito, Kennedy, Hagerty, Britt, Fischer, Van Hollen (ranking member), Reed, Shaheen, Coons, Schatz, Merkley, Peters, and Gillibrand. (9-8)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Senators McConnell (chair), Collins, Murkowski, Graham, Moran, Hoeven, Boozman, Capito, Kennedy, Coons (ranking member), Durbin, Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Shaheen, and Murphy. (9-8)

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Senators Kennedy (chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Graham, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, Britt, Rounds, Murray (ranking member), Durbin, Merkley, Coons, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, and Ossoff. (9-8)

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Senators Hagerty (chair), Boozman, Collins, Mullin, Fischer, Reed (ranking member), Durbin, Coons, and Van Hollen. (5-4)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Senators Britt (chair), Murkowski, Capito, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Hagerty, Murphy (ranking member), Murray, Shaheen, Peters, and Van Hollen. (6-5)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Murkowski (chair), McConnell, Capito, Hoeven, Fischer, Mullin, Rounds, Merkley (ranking member), Van Hollen, Heinrich, Baldwin, Gillibrand, and Ossoff. (7-6)

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Capito (chair), Graham, Moran, Kennedy, Hyde-Smith, Boozman, Britt, Mullin, Rounds, Baldwin (ranking member), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Shaheen, Merkley, Schatz, and Murphy. (9-8)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Senators Mullin (chair), Fischer, Rounds, Heinrich (ranking member), and Ossoff. (3-2)

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Boozman (chair), McConnell, Murkowski, Hoeven, Collins, Hagerty, Fischer, Rounds, Hyde-Smith, Ossoff (ranking member), Murray, Reed, Schatz, Baldwin, Heinrich, Peters, and Gillibrand. (9-8)

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Senators Graham (chair), McConnell, Boozman, Moran, Hagerty, Britt, Mullin, Schatz (ranking member), Durbin, Shaheen, Coons, Merkley, and Murphy. (7-6)

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Hyde-Smith (chair), Collins, Boozman, Capito, Graham, Hoeven, Kennedy, Moran, Britt, Gillibrand (ranking member), Murray, Durbin, Reed, Coons, Schatz, Murphy, and Van Hollen. (9-8)

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### TRIBUTE TO CELMA SILVEIRA

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Celma Silveira of

Atkinson as January's Granite Stater of the Month. Celma regularly helps Granite Staters in need by providing their free house cleanings.

Celma started her small business, Cleaning by Celma, after she and her son experienced domestic violence and homelessness. After spending time in a shelter for survivors of domestic violence, she started cleaning homes to earn money to support herself and her son and eventually started her own cleaning business. Celma faced challenges both big and small while starting her own business, but she has successfully grown and expanded it over the years and now enjoys a healthy base of clients.

And while her business has blossomed, Celma has also always made sure that she supports Granite Staters in need. She has partnered with Cleaning for a Reason, a national nonprofit organization, to provide house cleaning to cancer patients, and in her own time, Celma donates house cleanings to disabled veterans. When Celma first meets the recipients of one of her donated cleaning services, she takes care to ensure that their biggest concerns are addressed and that they come away with the comfort and relief that a clean home can provide. Celma believes that every person has goodness in their heart and wants to spread her own goodness by providing these cleanings.

Celma's dedication to helping Granite Staters who are struggling is a beautiful example of the Granite State spirit of going above and beyond to uplift others. Her passion for sharing her work with her community is why I am proud to name her January's Granite Stater of the Month.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HAL GOODING

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as a Senator from the great state of South Carolina, it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize Deputy Hal Gooding as he retires after an extraordinary career with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. His unwavering commitment to public service is a testament to the highest ideals of law enforcement.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress and the American people, I extend my deepest gratitude to Deputy Gooding for his years of selfless service, tireless efforts, and steadfast dedication to keeping Charleston County safe. He has not only protected citizens of Charleston County, but also helped create an environment where families and neighbors can live in peace.

Fifty years with Charleston County speaks volumes about Deputy Gooding's steadfast commitment to the community he serves. As he transitions into this well-deserved chapter of retirement, I am confident that he will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those fortunate to know him.

Congratulations on your retirement, Deputy Hal Gooding.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-201. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Update of Challenge Period for Validation of Asserted Restrictions on Technical Data and Computer Software (DFARS Case 2022-D016)" ((RIN0750-AL67) (DARS-2022-0030)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-202. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Technical Amendments" (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-203. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Definition of Material Weakness (DFARS Case 2021-D006)" ((RIN0750-AL25) (DARS-2024-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-204. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commissary Credit and Debit Card User Fees" (RIN0790-AK92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-205. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN0790-AL82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-206. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children Overseas: Revision to Definition of Drafts" (RIN0720-AB91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-207. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in account 083-4161X, Export-Import Bank Direct Loan Financing Account, in the amount of \$4.884 billion; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-208. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Succession Planning" (RIN3133-AF42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Implementation of Additional Due Diligence Measures for Advanced Computing Integrated Circuits; Amendments and Clarifications; and Extension of Comment Period" (RIN0694-AJ98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-211. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-212. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency in order to address the damage and danger to the American people and integrity of America's sovereign borders resulting from the invasion on the southern border of the United States by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-213. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency in order to address our Nation's inadequate energy supply and infrastructure; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-214. A communication from the Executive Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1024-AE94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-215. A communication from the Management Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Practices Before the Department of Interior" (RIN1094-AA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first