

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The majority leader is recognized.

AGRICULTURE

Mr. THUNE, Madam President, the last few years have been some of the most challenging in recent memory for America's farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is already a challenging way of life, but in the past few years, it has been made more difficult by higher input costs, higher interest rates, disease, and natural disasters; and it has left more than a few producers wondering about the future of their operations.

Earlier this year, I promised that farmers and ranchers would be a priority for the new Republican majority. Thanks to Senator BOOZMAN's leadership and the work of the Agriculture Committee, we have addressed some of the farmers' and ranchers' challenges head-on in the One Big Beautiful Bill—and not just with short-term patches to get through the season. We made lasting reforms to help get American agriculture firing on all cylinders again.

Madam President, that starts with the farm safety net. The One Big Beautiful Bill reauthorizes commodity programs through 2031 and raises reference prices for every covered commodity. In recent years, reference prices haven't even covered increases in input costs. But thanks to this bill, commodity program reference prices will more closely reflect the actual market conditions that farmers are dealing with.

We also included a voluntary base acre update for these programs—the first in a number of years—making 30 million acres available so these programs are based on current planted acres. That is just on commodity programs.

The One Big Beautiful Bill also bolsters crop insurance, the cornerstone of the farm safety net. And it includes my bill to extend crop insurance support for beginning farmers from their first 5 years of operation to their first 10 years.

We also addressed the needs of livestock producers. We improved the Livestock Indemnity Program, covering 100 percent of losses for animals lost to predation and 75 percent for those lost due to weather or disease, plus a supplemental payment for loss of unborn livestock, all of which will provide peace of mind for ranchers and other livestock producers when losses strike.

We also reduced the number of weeks of drought necessary to trigger payments from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program. Now those payments can begin after 4 consecutive weeks of drought, and they continue if the drought persists into a second month.

Our bill makes critical investments in disease prevention and preparedness efforts, an issue that has been national news as things like the bird flu, the New World screwworm, and African swine fever have threatened livestock.

There is a lot more in our bill to support agriculture and promote a strong and secure food supply for our country.

The One Big Beautiful Bill bolsters the Dairy Margin Coverage program for our dairy farmers. It improves support for honeybee producers when they suffer losses; invests in conservation programs that support wildlife habitats, like those that support South Dakota's wild bird population. And it supports research and agriculture research institutions and promotes trade opportunities for agriculture commodities.

This bill enables farmers and ranchers to make critical investments in the future of their operations. Agriculture producers will benefit from the individual and small business tax relief in this bill.

Our bill makes permanent the lower tax rates from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, increases the standard deduction and the child tax credit, and adds a bonus deduction for seniors, which means lower tax bills permanently.

Many farmers and ranchers will be able to claim the 199A small business deduction, which frees up more cash for them to invest in their operations. Plus, full expensing—now a permanent feature of the Tax Code—will allow them to deduct the full cost of new equipment the year they start using it. That is good news, whether you need a new tractor or combine or working to build a farm of the future with precision technology.

Madam President, farming and ranching is more than just a job; it is a way of life. And most farmers and ranchers I know dream about the next generation keeping that way of life going. Thanks to the One Big Beautiful Bill, more farmers and ranchers are going to be able to stay in the family. Our bill raises the death tax threshold, which protects a lot more farmers and ranchers from this flawed tax. It means farmers and ranchers won't have to worry about the death tax eating up what they spent a lifetime building. It means they won't have to spend time and money on complicated estate planning to ensure their operation stays intact after they die. And it means their kids won't have to sell all or part of their family farm just to settle a tax bill.

Madam President, agriculture is a tough way of life. It is filled with uncertainty and risk. But we depend on the men and women who work hard every day to produce the food, fuel, and fiber for America and for the world, and we owe them support through the challenges that come with this work. I am proud that the One Big Beautiful Bill delivers for them.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mr. BARRASSO, Madam President, Republicans came to the Senate with a clear mandate. That was 7 months ago. Our job as a majority was to get America back on track. We made that commitment, and we are following through on it. We are keeping that commitment. America is stronger; America is safer; and America is more prosperous than it was 7 months ago. Not since Ronald Reagan reversed the failures of Jimmy Carter have we seen such a dramatic turnaround.

Earlier this month, Republicans passed our comprehensive legislative agenda. President Trump calls it the One Big Beautiful Bill. It is now the law of the land. It delivers to the voters of this country what the voters sent Republicans here to do.

First, Republicans stopped a \$4 trillion tax increase—the largest tax increase in American history. Every single Democrat in this Chamber voted to raise taxes by \$4 trillion. Had Democrats succeeded, working families would have paid over \$1,700 more in taxes just next year. Small businesses would have seen their taxes go up quite a bit. The families of farmers and ranchers would have paid a much higher death tax. On all of these things, Republicans stopped the Democrats. Instead, we delivered a working-class tax cut. We cut taxes on tips, taxes on Social Security, taxes on overtime. No taxes on tips puts about \$1,300 back into the pockets of waiters, barbers, and bartenders. No taxes on overtime puts about \$1,400 more back into the pockets of nurses, firefighters, and police officers. No taxes on Social Security puts more money into the pockets of seniors through a larger deduction.

Thanks to Senator KATIE BRITT of Alabama, Republicans modernized tax credits for childcare. It was the first update in 25 years. This helps make daycare more affordable for hard-working moms and dads. Moreover, Republicans expanded child tax credits. Parents receive \$2,200 each year for each child. Well, that helps pay for rent, food, and school supplies.

Thanks to Senator TED CRUZ of Texas, Republicans created a \$1,000 savings account for every newborn American citizen. Now an American child born today could have tens of thousands of dollars waiting for them when they turn 18. This could be a downpayment on the American dream. If you wish to go to college, to own a home, or to start a business, all of these things are now much more realistic.

AMERICAN ENERGY

Madam President, now let's talk about American energy.

America's future depends on abundant energy resources. We know what happened under Joe Biden: Energy prices rose 31 percent in just 4 years. Today, thanks to Republican leadership, America is producing energy much more again and prospering again.

We are producing energy onshore, offshore, and in Alaska. My home State of Wyoming is America's energy breadbasket. We are drilling; we are mining; we are powering data centers and factories.

More production at home lowers prices, it creates more jobs for energy workers, and it restores America's energy dominance.

Moreover, Republicans are strengthening Medicaid with reasonable work requirements. Currently, 4.8 million able-bodied adults who will not work still receive Medicaid benefits. Our law changes that. If you can work, you should work. That is fair to everyone else. It strengthens our safety net for those who truly need it.

Democrats are fearmongering about Medicaid. I am a doctor. Let me set the record straight. Under our law, single mothers keep their coverage. Children keep their coverage. Disabled Americans keep their coverage.

On national security, Republicans are reversing 4 years of weakness and woke distractions. We are restoring America's peace through strength. Our new law includes \$150 billion to rebuild our military. Our military will once again be lethal, ready, and respected.

Of course, national security starts with border security, and that is why Republicans secured the border. President Trump ended Joe Biden's disastrous open border policy. Under Joe Biden, 10 million illegal immigrants flooded across our border. Ten thousand illegal crossings every day was the standard for the Democrats and the Biden administration with their open border policy. Illegal border crossings are at a record low.

We ended the Biden policy of catch-and-release. In the last 2 months, the number of illegal immigrants who were released into this country is zero—zero. That is right. Think about what that means. I mean, think about what it means for our communities, for families. Zero releases means zero communities overwhelmed by an influx of illegal immigrants, zero schools overcrowded, zero hospitals overrun, zero new cases like Laken Riley's and Rachel Morin's. Our new law provides \$46.5 billion to finish the wall at our southern border. It also invests significantly in Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Additionally, Republicans cut billions in wasteful Washington spending around the world. Under Joe Biden, Democrats planned to spend taxpayer dollars on—listen to this—\$500,000 on electric buses in Africa, \$880,000 on social media mentorship in Europe, and \$6 million for net zero cities in Mexico. The list goes on.

Republicans passed a rescissions bill that saved taxpayers \$9 billion.

Here is the bottom line: These are commonsense reforms. At one time, they were bipartisan. In 1986, 30 Senate Democrats voted for President Reagan's tax cuts. One of the 30 was then-Senator Joe Biden. Today, every Demo-

crat in Congress voted to raise taxes on working Americans. Every Democrat voted for open borders and to give free healthcare to illegal immigrants.

The Democratic Party today is the party of high taxes, high prices, and open borders. Democrats are more than just liberal; they are radical, they are extreme, they are dangerous, they are scary, and they are terribly out of touch.

A Wall Street Journal poll this week-end found Democrats' favorability at a 35-year low. The American people see what we see and what I have just talked about in terms of what the Democrats are trying to do to this country and continue to push.

On critical issues like the economy, inflation, immigration, and national security, Americans trust Republicans more, and they are right to do so because Republicans are lowering costs, we are securing our borders, we are rebuilding our military, we are getting America back on track, and we are just getting started. The American comeback is real. The Republican majority is delivering, and America's best days are still ahead.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

NEW YORK CITY SHOOTING

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I come to the floor this morning not as Democratic leader, not even as the senior Senator from New York, but simply as a New Yorker, as a kid from Brooklyn, as someone who has walked that stretch of Park Avenue a thousand times.

Yesterday, my city—the greatest city on Earth—was shattered when a gunman took the lives of four innocent New Yorkers in cold blood just four blocks from my office in Midtown Manhattan. I actually worked in the building where the shooting took place for one summer as a summer associate at a law firm.

One of the victims, Officer Islam, was a husband and a father of two, with a third baby on the way. He was the best of who we are—a proud Bangladeshi American, a proud cop from the 47th Precinct, and a proud New Yorker. He died doing what NYPD officers do every day—running toward danger, protecting others, putting his own life on the line. That is what he did, and he paid—he paid the ultimate price.

When an NYPD officer is killed doing his duty, it is not just a tragedy; it is a rupture in the soul of our city, our beloved city, and it requires that we mourn and honor all those we lost.

I have lived in New York my whole life. I know this city, I know the people, and I know how we carry pain like this, how it lingers—I still remember the officers who had been shot in the line of duty months, even years and decades ago—because that is what happens when innocent lives are taken in the heart of your home.

This happened just four blocks from my office, in broad daylight, in one of

the busiest, safest, most iconic parts of Manhattan, right across from where New Yorkers pour in and out of work, pick up lunch or stop to say a prayer at St. Bart's or St. Pat's or Central Synagogue or at the Muslim Community Network mosque, all of which are in Midtown Manhattan, very close to the location where the shooting occurred.

We also grieve for another victim—Wesley LePatner, killed in the building. She was a brilliant executive from Blackstone, a beloved wife and mother of two.

We know there are two other victims as well whose names have not yet been made public, and we mourn them as well.

When something like this happens, every single New Yorker feels it. It is felt in every precinct, every kitchen table, and it is etched in the hearts of the families left behind, who will always have a hole in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

I want those families—especially Officer Islam's wife and kids and the families of Wesley LePatner from Blackstone and the other victims not yet named due to family notifications—to know this: You are not alone. All of New York grieves with you. We ache for you.

We will always remember the sacrifice Officer Islam—a husband, a son, and a father—made for all of us.

To the other victims—people just trying to make a living, do their jobs—our hearts are broken, and we, too, grieve with your families.

The city will carry their memories forward. We will continue to pray for those still recovering and in critical condition.

I want to thank the first responders who ran toward the gunfire—all the cops, EMTs, and firefighters that got there fast and prevented even more bloodshed. They are heroes, every one of them. That is New York—courage under fire, grace in the face of horror. It is who we are.

As we mourn this awful day in New York, we must remember that we cannot keep meeting these moments with thoughts and prayers alone. We owe these families more than silence; we owe them action. For now, we mourn, but we mourn as New Yorkers—together. We will carry on, yes. That is who we are. But we will never, never be the same.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. President, on costs, chaos, and corruption, nearly 8 months into Donald Trump's second term, the American people feel deep buyer's remorse. As you have seen so many times, Donald Trump's big promises turned out to be just duds, turned out to be more lies. He seems to lie every day. He doesn't even care. He doesn't even shrug his shoulders. He doesn't show a bit of remorse on his face as he spews out lie after lie after lie.

Today, only 37 percent of people approve of the job Donald Trump is doing, according to Gallup. Only 37 percent of Americans believe the country