

would come here. “Hey, we want to get all these guys confirmed.” We Republicans said “All right. Let’s put them in a package. All right. We will confirm a hundred here, a hundred there.” Almost 60 percent of all Biden nominees were confirmed in that way—unanimous consent, quickly.

A lot of times, before the August work period, we will get big packages done.

So that is American history.

Look at the number for President Trump’s second term. Can you see that? I want the American people to see that. Zero. Zero. Zero.

Like what the heck is Senator SCHUMER doing?

By the way, a lot of Democrat Senators who I talk to—I have good friends over there—they are embarrassed by that number, by the way. They are embarrassed by that number. Zero percent.

Now, why do you think Senator SCHUMER is doing that? Because he cares about the Senate as an institution? Nope. Because he wants to help us run the government? President Trump won fair and square; he needs to get his people into office to run our great government? Nope. Certainly don’t want to do that. We all know this.

I am going to reveal a little secret here in the Senate. This is fully driven by the far-left wing of the Democratic Party, OK? I mean, we are talking the anti-Israel, pro-Hamas wing. We are talking the defund-the-police wing. We are talking the open border wing. I mean, the far-left crazies of the Democratic Party are driving the Senate minority leader to go to zero, because they are telling him: You have got to resist the Trump administration. So he is listening to them.

Look at that, America. Zero percent. It has never happened in U.S. history. I hope our friends in the media write about it. It is unprecedented. And the vast majority of Democratic Senators who I have talked to are embarrassed by that number.

So hopefully we are going to get some kind of an agreement. We will see. But maybe not. We will stay here. Look, I am ready to stay here as long as it takes, because this is ridiculous. And one guy is blocking it—the minority leader of the U.S. Senate—because he is kowtowing to the far left, left, left crazy wing of the Democratic Party to resist. And we think that is good for America right there? It is embarrassing. If you are a Senate Democrat, that is embarrassing.

So I am going to switch gears to a much better topic.

Like I said, normally this would be the last speech of the week, but it is not because we are still here. We will keep plugging away. We are going to vote to confirm a lot more of President Trump’s Cabinet. We have to do it one at a time—one at a time—because there is no cooperation, as there has been throughout American history. So we will do it the hard way.

I applaud Majority Leader JOHN THUNE for saying: Hey, let’s try. We are still trying to get an agreement. Maybe they will move this number up a little bit. But that is an embarrassment. Every Senator knows it, and every Senator here knows why it is zero. Not guarding the institution. Not trying to help the American people run their government. It is nervousness from some of the Democrat leaders about their far-left, extreme, open border, defund the police—you know, the whackos are driving it. So we will keep plugging along.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELA HARRIS

So, Mr. President, let me get to my Alaskan of the Week because this is a great story, and it is very inspiring. I want all the pages and every American and certainly everyone back home in Alaska to hear about Angela Harris.

Now, I always do a little update on what is going on back home. I was back home last weekend. Summer is in full swing. The fish are running. Boy oh boy, the Kenai River is having a world record sockeye salmon run. I got to do a little fishing last week on the Kenai. It is incredible.

If you love fishing, America, come on up. There is no better fishing in the whole world. By the way, the Kenai River is just spectacular. This unreal glacial blue river. It is just amazing. It is majestic. It is indescribable.

The midnight sun is out in Utqiagvik, Barrow, our northernmost community, the sun still won’t set for another few weeks. It has been up for weeks—no sunset. Just a great community there.

The summers in Alaska just have so much energy. It is everywhere. It is in our waters. It is in our salmon streams and rivers. It is tourists. We have a lot of tourists, millions. And we have our great Coast Guard, America’s Coast Guard, always on duty, ready to respond, ready to protect.

So the Coast Guard, we are coming up on the 235th birthday of the Coast Guard. Our great men and women of the Coast Guard, for over two centuries, have been always ready—“semper paratus”—to defend our Nation, guard our waters, respond to disasters.

By the way, we got some heroic Coast Guard members doing great work recently in the horrible floods down in Texas. I had the opportunity to meet them.

And in Alaska, with more coastline than the rest of the country combined—that is right, 33,000 miles of rugged coastline in Alaska; that is more than the rest of the country combined—the Coast Guard is on duty all the time.

In 2024 alone, they responded to almost 1,000 calls and saved over 200 lives just in my State alone. You want to talk about heroic members of our military. And, of course, that is not all they do. Alaska’s Coast Guard is uniquely positioned on the frontlines of national security. I like to talk about it a lot in the Armed Services Com-

mittee, but we are seeing an unprecedented push by the Russians and Chinese into Alaska’s airspace and Alaska’s waters. We just had a Russian “Bear” bomber, couple of strategic bombers, in our ADIZ, Alaska air identification zone, just last week. Our military had to go—fighters go up and intercept them.

But our Coast Guard helps monitor these kinds of incursions and keeps our northern maritime border secure. They do this all across our State in communities like Kodiak, Sitka, Valdez, Juneau. They are our friends. Coast Guard members are our neighbors, our mentors, our volunteers. They are really integrated into their Alaska communities where they serve, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

So with the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, one element that is really not getting a lot of coverage, which is so great, is that that bill secured the biggest investment in the U.S. Coast Guard in U.S. history. It is not an exaggeration; that is what happened. Over \$25 billion for our Coast Guard. And they need it. I love our military, all services. The Coast Guard is often the redheaded stepchild in terms of getting up-to-date equipment and gear and cutters and hangars. This is a home run for the Coast Guard in terms of capital investments: 17 new icebreakers—right now, we have 2 icebreakers, and 1 is broken; Russia has 54; we are way behind—and 40 new helicopters, 22 cutters—I mean, this is a generational investment for the Coast Guard. And as the chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee overseeing the Coast Guard, this was a top priority of mine. And I worked closely with our Commerce Committee chair, Senator CRUZ. We are making this happen: giant investment, huge home run for our Coast Guard and the communities that support them, like Juneau, AK.

On August 10, I am going to be hosting the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Commandant of the Coast Guard. We are going to be in Juneau to commission the U.S. Coast Guard vessel the *Storis*, an icebreaker, to be homeported, finally, in Alaska. We have been trying to get an icebreaker homeport in Alaska forever. You would think the Coast Guard would want to put an icebreaker where the ice is. Well, they are finally going to do it, and that is going to be great.

It is going to be a great August. I am hosting several of President Trump’s Cabinet—Secretary Duffy, Secretary Turner, Secretary Kennedy, Secretary of Homeland Security Noem. It is going to be a busy time up in Alaska.

So we love our Coast Guard, and we are finally making the proper investment.

So why am I talking so much about the Coast Guard? Because our Alaskan of the Week, Angela Harris, is a coastie, and boy oh boy, is she a fierce competitor of a Coast Guard member.

Let me just give a little bit of a quick bio of her: A mother, a fierce

competitor in archery, cycling, indoor rowing, powerlifting, track, and rugby.

And, unfortunately—but in some ways, you know, it showed her grit—a survivor of a random attack that left her paralyzed in a wheelchair. This incredible woman, Angela Harris is our Alaskan of the Week today.

So let's talk a little bit about Angela. YN1 Angela Harris joined the U.S. Coast Guard in the summer of 1998 after feeling a call to serve her country and see the world. Angela said:

The ocean's always been where I feel most at peace. It's where my soul feels recharged.

Angela and her family relocated when she was in the Coast Guard to Alaska on Christmas Day in 2005, after joining the Coast Guard's Arctic Planning and Operations Team—which they do a great job.

By the way, the Coast Guard in Alaska has now been renamed the Arctic Sector for the Coast Guard.

She fell in love with Alaska immediately, especially as she felt her work was making a real impact on these Arctic missions and in rural communities where our Coast Guard plays such an important role.

She said:

Seeing firsthand how critical the Coast Guard is to rural Alaska deepened my commitment to this mission [of the Coast Guard] and inspired me to continue supporting [Coast Guard] Arctic operations whenever possible.

For more than a decade, Angela worked in the Arctic operations of the Coast Guard, first stationed in Juneau and then in Anchorage, and was on Active-Duty orders when, unfortunately, her life suddenly was upended in February of 2022.

So what happened during that unfortunate time? She was returning books to the Anchorage library when she was attacked in a random assault by a mentally ill man that, unfortunately, left her with a severe spinal cord injury.

She spent more than a month in the hospital and even longer in physical therapy adjusting to this difficult life in a wheelchair. Angela said that she felt like everything was a fight. She pushed herself mentally and physically to heal from the attack while spending hours on the phone, unfortunately, with her insurance company.

And to make matters worse, the charges against her attacker were dropped after he was found to be incompetent to stand trial, even after it came out that this man had attacked other women before.

So this is a giant change, a very difficult change, in the life of Angela, and, let's face it, other people would have just given up. She didn't give up at all. She was on a mission. First, she decided to make sure that this kind of injustice wouldn't happen again. Angela reached out to Alaska lawmakers to share her story and push for change to make sure attackers couldn't just get away with hurting people, even if they were "incompetent to stand trial."

So after more than a year of work and advocacy, she got our Alaska legislature to pass a bill ensuring that dangerous individuals who are incompetent to stand trial will be held and evaluated for involuntary commitment.

That is right. Great job, Angela.

Victims of crime in Alaska now have the right to attend the involuntary commitment hearings for those who attacked them. Makes sense. She got it done. And they have the right to know the status of those involuntary commitment proceedings. This guy should have been put away and not attacking more women in Alaska.

Angela said:

Advocacy requires more than just passion. It demands endurance, community, and the courage to admit when the weight is too heavy to carry alone.

That is when others come and help you. Amidst the battle to pass her legislation and recover physically, Angela discovered another passion, which she excelled at: competitive sports. Nearly 2 years after her attack in 2024, she attended her first adaptive sports training camp in California, and here, Angela's life turned.

Think about this. She is now in a wheelchair. One sport stood out: wheelchair rugby. She said:

Wheelchair rugby lights a fire in me like nothing else; it's absolutely electric.

It was wheelchair rugby's team element that really drew her to the sport. She said:

What has truly moved the needle in my healing has been the community [I have] found within adaptive sports. This community has helped [me build and] rebuild parts of me I wasn't sure could ever be whole again.

Now, it wasn't just wheelchair rugby. Angela excelled in every sport that she has focused on, in so many other sports. It is incredible, to be honest. Let me go through the list. In the 2024 Department of Defense Warrior Games, she brought home gold medals in both the 4-minute and 1-minute indoor rowing events. In the 2025 Invictus Games, she brought home a gold medal in the 50-meter backstroke and a bronze in downhill skiing. Skiing, rugby, rowing—her greatest achievement at these games wasn't the medals, however; it was being honored by her teammates as one of two on the team chosen to carry the U.S. flag at the opening ceremony.

That is great. What a patriot. What a patriot.

So let me conclude, Angela is still doing so much, and, my goodness, her family is contributing to our country in a way that is really remarkable.

This February, Angela retired from the Coast Guard as an honorary chief petty officer, but her legacy in the U.S. military, particularly the sea services, continues. Her oldest daughter Kiana is a hospital corpsman second class in the Navy and was honored as Alaska's Armed Services YMCA Reservist of the Year in 2023. Middle daughter Ariana

has served in the U.S. Navy since 2022. And her youngest daughter Liliana just graduated from basic training in the Coast Guard and is now being trained as a hospital corpsman at the A-school. Three daughters, three servicemembers, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard—just like their heroic mom. All three daughters are now following in their mom's footsteps. No wonder. Their mom has got to be one of the best role models any young woman could hope for.

Our military serves as a reminder of our strength as a country, and no one personifies that better than Angela Harris.

Angela, your courage and strength, your incredible athleticism, your advocacy on victims' issues, all of this is unparalleled. Thank you for everything that you have done, for protecting Alaskans, our coast, future potential victims of crime, taking care of those great daughters, protecting our people. And most of all, congratulations on being our Alaskan of the Week.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, when my girls were little—and they are not little anymore; they are adults now. When they were little, I can remember, at times, I would be working from the house, in our little office space in the house, and one of the girls would crawl up in my lap.

She would look at me while I would be working on the computer, and she would say the same thing every time:

What'cha doin'?

Every time.

What'cha doin'?

I think about that when I think about the last 7 months here in the Senate. I have folks at home who will look at the U.S. Senate and say: What have you been doing for a while? "What'cha doin'?"

What has been good is to have been able to answer the question a lot. This has been the most productive beginning point for a new President in the first 7 months of the Senate in decades. Let me just walk through just a little bit of what we have been doing. We began this year by passing the Laken Riley Act, which requires ICE to start arresting illegal migrants who have committed crimes. Amazingly enough, that wasn't a requirement before. We fixed that.

We passed and made law the TAKE IT DOWN Act. This is about the revenge porn that we are seeing that has affected so many young lives. They are posting their images and sometimes using AI to destroy the lives of people they either hate, used to date, or whatever it may be. We now passed that and made that Federal law to be able to protect the youngest generation from that kind of vulnerability.

We passed the HALT Fentanyl Act, permanently classifying fentanyl-related substances as schedule I drugs.