

in his class from the University of Notre Dame Law School and then served as a clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Since then, he has earned a stellar reputation as an appellate litigator, throughout his decade-and-a-half tenure in private practice of law.

Mr. Dunlap noted, during his confirmation hearing, that Mainers—meaning residents of the State of Maine—I will start that quote over again:

Mainers are famously independent.

I am confident that we can expect no less from him as a fair and impartial judge. Indeed, Mr. Dunlap's career demonstrates that he is a thoughtful and sharp lawyer committed to the rule of law, and, in his own words, he believes "the law should be available to all and applied fairly to every litigant."

For these reasons, he has earned widespread support, including from his law school, his clerks, and his law firm colleagues.

I am confident that Mr. Dunlap will make an outstanding judge on the First Circuit. I also trust he will take great pride in serving his State and our Nation.

President Trump and Senator COLLINS made an outstanding choice in Mr. Dunlap.

Eric Tung is another great selection. He completed his undergraduate degree at Yale and graduated with high honors at the University of Chicago Law School. He clerked for Justice Scalia on the U.S. Supreme Court, and he also clerked for Justice Gorsuch, both during his tenure on the Tenth Circuit and upon Justice Gorsuch's elevation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Tung was a Bristow fellow in the Justice Department's Office of Solicitor General, where he worked on numerous cases before the Nation's highest Court.

During President Trump's first administration, he also worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Central District of California. As a Federal prosecutor, Mr. Tung handled a broad array of criminal matters, including firearm offenses, drug trafficking, and fraud.

In recent years, Mr. Tung has focused on civil litigation and appeals in private practice. He was appointed by the chief justice of the California Supreme Court to serve as the sole civil appellate practitioner on the Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee.

In every facet, Mr. Tung has been an outstanding appellate lawyer. Based on his stellar credentials and his stellar reputation, it is no surprise that his nomination is supported by his law firm colleagues and the various clerks that he has worked with at the Tenth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Like Mr. Dunlap, I believe Mr. Tung will make a phenomenal judge and serve this Nation honorably and with distinction. I encourage my colleagues

to support both of these fine circuit court nominees.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371, a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, it is November—November. It has been 5 weeks since Democrats shut down the government, and once again, we start this week by asking, is this the week that Democrats end their shutdown?

I have said before that there are no winners in a government shutdown. There are no winners, but there are plenty of losers. Chief among them is the American people. As the senior Democrat from Virginia said just last year, "Shutdowns aren't victimless crimes." And, after 5 weeks, the victims of the Democrats' shutdown are starting to pile up.

Military families have turned to food banks in significant numbers, and they are not the only ones. Food banks in this area and around the country have seen an influx of Federal workers who are missing paychecks due to the shutdown. And things are set to get much worse with SNAP running on limited emergency funds and its future uncertain. Thanks to the Democrats, millions more Americans—millions—are now at risk of going hungry. Yet the Democrats' shutdown marches on.

Of course, letting Americans go hungry is just the beginning. Thanks to Democrats, Head Start Programs are beginning to close, housing assistance programs are at risk, seniors and people in rural areas can't access telehealth services, National Guard training is on hold, and veterans programs are on pause. I am sorry to say I could go on. Actually, I could go on for a while. Shutdowns have consequences, and the pain is being felt around the country.

Last week, it seemed that Democrats were beginning to acknowledge that their shutdown was having consequences. We even heard Democrats express concern that Americans were suffering. But when they were given the chance to end all of that suffering, the vast majority of Democrats in this body were perfectly willing to prolong the shutdown and the American people's pain. The vast majority of Democrats voted once again against a clean continuing resolution—the only bill on offer that could end all this suffering literally in a matter of hours. It is the only bill in the Senate that would fix every single issue I just mentioned. It would pay our troops and fund SNAP, Head Start, veterans programs, and pay our staffers.

Three Democrat Senators already support that clean continuing resolution.

The Democrat from Maine, who supported the clean CR in the House, said:

There is a lot of important work to be done in Congress, none of which will be any easier if Mainers are suffering the harms of a government shutdown.

The Teamsters Union and the American Federation of Government Employees—more traditionally allies of Democrats, to be frank—have called for Congress to spare the American people further pain and to pass the clean continuing resolution, and they are far from the only ones.

It should not be this hard for a handful of Democrats to support a clean bill that simply reopens the government. It is a very straightforward proposition. It is a 24-page bill that is sitting right here at the Senate desk—not a single new Republican policy, no partisan policy riders, nothing that Democrats haven't supported before on numerous occasions. It just reopens the government, and it is just five Democrat votes away from being sent to the President, who would sign it literally in a matter of hours.

This bill is also the quickest way to get to discussions about healthcare—that is, if Democrats are serious about solving the ObamaCare problem and not just interested in using it as a political issue. As I have said more times than I can count, Republicans are more than willing to have a healthcare discussion with Democrats. In fact, had Democrats voted to reopen the government last week, President Trump would be meeting with them this week.

Unlike Democrats, who want to continue papering over the unaffordability of ObamaCare forevermore, Republicans have ideas for actually lowering healthcare costs—and lowering costs not just for Americans on ObamaCare but also for seniors, vulnerable Americans, and the majority of Americans who get their healthcare through their employers. So we are ready and willing to have that discussion, but first Democrats need to stop playing politics with people's lives and reopen the government.

Airline travel is snarled. Small businesses are suffering. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are working without pay. And now 40 million Americans in need are at risk of losing their food stamps.

So the question is, How long—how long—are Democrats going to continue this? Another month? two? three? How much suffering is enough for Democrats?

The bill is sitting right there. We have voted on it 13 times already. We will get that opportunity to vote on it a 14th time tomorrow. For the sake of the American people, let's hope that at least some Democrats can see their way to ending this and ending it soon. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, last Friday, the courts spoke loudly. They spoke clearly: Donald Trump cannot block SNAP benefits and treat hungry Americans as political pawns.

The stories from the weekend were shameful and sickening: people overwhelming food banks, handing out groceries in lieu of Halloween candy, teachers paying out of pocket to give their students extra food. Across America, appalling scenes were seen of people worried they wouldn't be able to feed their families and even themselves. This is appalling, and the courts did the right thing to step in to follow the law.

But the Trump administration still refuses to fully comply. A few hours ago, the administration announced that it will provide only partial SNAP benefits to 42 million Americans facing food insecurity, even though the courts affirmed that the USDA has the transfer authority to ensure everyone can receive full benefits. Everyone can get full benefits. The only person standing in the way is Donald Trump—Donald Trump.

Even after the courts have spoken, the administration continues to use kids, seniors, disabled Americans, and working parents as political pawns, dangling the threat of hunger over their heads.

Providing partial benefits is not enough, is not compliant with the law, and it is particularly cruel of Trump with the Thanksgiving season around the corner. Let me say this: Providing partial SNAP benefits is a floor and cannot be a ceiling. Let me repeat. Providing SNAP benefits is a floor, not a ceiling.

The administration must do more, and the courts should do everything

they can to force this administration—cruel as it may be manipulating hungry people, as it is doing, the courts must make sure that full benefits are restored. Only Trump is standing in the way.

HEALTHCARE

Mr. President, on open enrollment, it was a bitter, stressful weekend for millions of Americans, but you would never guess it listening to Donald Trump. Let's start with open enrollment, which began Saturday.

If you look at the papers this weekend, the phrase that everyone used was "sticker shock"—"sticker shock." While Donald Trump is bragging about remodeling bathrooms at the White House, Americans are panicking about how they will afford healthcare next year.

I read an article from ABC News that interviewed a photographer from Utah who gets her healthcare through the ACA. She will go from paying \$495 a month—already outrageous—to \$2,100 a month—an increase more of than four times. It is more than her mortgage.

That is Donald Trump's America: Americans pay more for healthcare than they do on their mortgage. It is outrageous, and it just puts an anchor, a financial anchor, around the ankles of every family.

And what is Donald Trump doing in the middle of all of this, this horrible sticker-shock crisis that people are just feeling so awful about? Well, if you watched Donald Trump this weekend on "60 Minutes," you saw a President utterly dismissive of the pain his policies have caused working people. While people are paying more for everyday expenses, Donald Trump went on TV to insist that everything is fine. He claimed, yet again, that we have no inflation in this country. The only problem: That is a lie.

Trump, talk to the average American and tell them they have no inflation as they are paying more for everything; particularly this weekend, they learned how much more they are paying for healthcare.

INFLATION

Mr. President, inflation has accelerated—actually accelerated—since the start of Trump's trade war. Donald Trump also celebrated that grocery prices are "going down." Which grocery store does he shop in? Probably none. But when Donald Trump celebrates that grocery prices are going down, it is a surprise to people who actually shop at grocery stores because they are seeing prices go up and up and up.

When Donald Trump was asked what he is doing to end the shutdown, he said his usual nonsense: It is the other side's fault.

It is utterly ridiculous. Donald Trump is the President. People look to him to negotiate, to fix problems.

Finally, I will note this: Donald Trump was also asked several times what his plan is for fixing healthcare. And what was his answer? Pure gib-

berish because he doesn't have a plan for healthcare.

The only plan Republicans have for healthcare seems to be to eliminate it and then to tell working people to go figure it out on their own. That is not a healthcare plan; that is cruel. But it is what Republicans have tried to do with healthcare for decades. We all remember the moment when John McCain rebuked his party to preserve it.

Democrats have been very clear from the start. We need to lower people's healthcare costs. We need to reopen the government. We need to extend the ACA premium credits. That is what a majority of Americans want.

REMEMBERING OMER NEUTRA

Mr. President, now on Omer Neutra, my late constituent from New York.

Today is a bittersweet day of heartbreak and relief. Two deeply anguishing years after Hamas brutally murdered Neutra on October 7, finally—finally—Omer Neutra's remains have been returned to Israel.

Omer was a proud New Yorker, a Long Islander, a constituent of mine. I have met with his family many, many times since October 7, and I have been so inspired by their courage, their strength, their resolve. Nothing—nothing—will ever reverse the pain of losing their beloved son. Nothing will erase that pain. But after long last, Omer can now be laid to rest in a proper burial. May his memory be a blessing.

Still today, the remains of eight more hostages murdered by the brutal Hamas remain in captivity, including that of another New Yorker, Itay Chen. We will never stop working until every last hostage is home.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, last week, I came to the floor on Wednesday to tell the story of some high school kids in Chicago. They did a remarkable thing last Tuesday, 6 days ago. These kids live in a neighborhood known as Little Village, and they go to high school there—to some well-respected high schools—Little Village Lawndale High Schools.

They decided on Tuesday to stage a parade in Little Village to protest what ICE is doing to that community and to the city of Chicago. It was peaceful. It was constructive. They marched several blocks, carried copies of the Constitution with them, American flags, Mexican flags, signs that they had prepared. I remember one, and I may misstate exactly what it said, but it basically said: Our parents have done so much to protect us. Now we are going to do everything we can to protect them.

I went, on Friday, to meet with these students. It turned out they were all girls—all women Latina students. For some reason or another, the boys didn't get into the organization, though they did participate in the parade. These

young women—about 15 of them—sat with me in a room, and we talked for over an hour about their deepest personal emotional feelings about what was happening to their families and what they did to stage this parade.

I have been to a lot of meetings with a lot of so-called experts in this country about its future, but I learned more in that hour with those girls, those young women, than in many of those other meetings.

They knew exactly what they were doing was dangerous. Their parents had warned them not to stage a parade because the ICE agents had been in the neighborhood in the previous 2 weeks, but they were determined to do something and say something. Most of them were in tears as they talked to me about what they felt personally about this experience.

One of the leaders said: I am an American. I was born here. I love this country, and I want to be part of it. Look what it is doing to our families.

And another young woman broke down when she said that, right before the parade happened, her father had been detained. She said in tears, over and over again: My father is not a criminal.

Her father has been involved for 7 years to try to get his citizenship status cleared up. He has been back and forth in court. He was in the process of doing this when he was detained and has been spirited off somewhere we don't know.

I thought of that experience and what both those young girls had been through, and I thought about the courage they showed, their love of this country, their determination to be part of it. But their love of their family and their willingness to risk everything for their parents, that is the reality of life in Chicago and in many neighborhoods today. When President Trump announced publicly that he was going to send in the military, if necessary, but the ICE forces to go through Chicago, he said he was looking for rapists and murderers and terrorists and the criminally insane. He said it over and over again.

Well, guess who he is arresting. Guess who they are detaining. They have yet to report one rapist, murderer, or terrorist. They are taking people—they are taking the man who sells the tamales on the corner—I am not kidding—a 75-year-old man who sells what they call elote, which are corncobs that they steam and are very popular in the community.

Rapists, murderers, terrorists, criminally insane—no. Some of them are clearly out of status in their citizenship papers. Some are American citizens. Of all the people that they have arrested and detained, 70 percent of them have no criminal record—no criminal record—and yet they are being harassed.

So they picked the weekend to do that—this last weekend—which is so special to so many American families.

I think, if I had to pin my wife down on her favorite holiday, it would be Halloween. She loves it. She gets these big bowls of candy, and the kids come from everywhere in our neighborhood in Springfield. And they did this last Friday. I am sure many of us had a similar experience. The kids are so excited to get free candy and show off their costumes, and she greets everyone like they are her grandkids. It is a personal thing.

We were worried about this last Halloween weekend in Chicago because of the ICE forces that were roaming the streets. Governor Pritzker asked for a special favor. He asked the ICE agents to take off Halloween night. Spare the kids. Don't make them worry about whether, when they go out for candy, somebody is going to be arrested. I joined him in that plea. I thought it was common sense.

You know what happened? Kristi Noem, who is the Secretary of DHS, said: By no means; we are going out, if necessary. And they did.

The ICE agents went to Evanston, which is a town just north of the city of Chicago. There was an incident that occurred there which was incredible. The ICE agents were roaming through the town looking for landscape workers.

Well, guess what is going on. Those landscape workers are raking leaves. They are doing the work that they do every year, that we count on them to do. And this year ICE was going to arrest them, and they did.

Terrible things happened too. There was a long story, and I ask unanimous consent that the story from the Chicago Tribune be printed in the RECORD at this point.

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

[From the Chicago Tribune]

ON HALLOWEEN, 'STATE-SPONSORED TERROR' IN CHICAGO AND THE NORTH SUBURBS

(Jonathan Bullington, Gregory Royal Pratt, Alice Yin, Tess Kenny, Richie Requena, Brian Cassella, Laura Turbay, Rebecca Johnson)

In Albany Park, they fired pepper-spray balls to disperse an angry crowd and arrested two U.S. citizens. In Evanston, one repeatedly pointed his weapon at protesters while another knelt on a man's back and punched him in the head.

They grabbed workers at an apartment complex in Hoffman Estates, landscapers, house painters and laborers in Edison Park, Skokie and Niles.

Despite pleas from Gov. JB Pritzker to pause federal immigration enforcement operations while children celebrate Halloween, teams of Border Patrol agents—including one led by Cmdr. Greg Bovino—tore through Chicago's Northwest Side and nearby suburbs Friday, sparking violent clashes with community members throughout the day.

In a statement provided late Friday, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security spokesman said five Mexican citizens were detained in the raids. None of them had violent criminal histories, according to the information released by DHS.

Three U.S. citizens were also arrested for "violence against law enforcement," the statement said.

One of the first reported encounters took place around 9:30 a.m. in Albany Park. There, witnesses spotted three vehicles carrying federal agents along West Lawrence Avenue near North Kedzie Avenue.

A crowd quickly gathered on the street, drawn by the sound of car horns and whistles—what's now become a familiar soundtrack of public resistance in the Chicago area to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Operation Midway Blitz.

Neighborhood resident Olivia Dunn and Alivia Olson said they were walking back from a coffee shop when they saw three agents, two clad in camouflage, handcuffing their friend, a U.S. citizen who lives in the same building as them. Video from the scene shows their friend face down on the pavement in front of a business on Lawrence. One agent is heard in the video telling both women that their friend assaulted a federal agent.

The video goes on to show their friend being led into the back of a black truck with a Missouri license plate.

"It's horrible," a visibly shaken Dunn said of her friend's arrest.

Moments after their friend was detained, federal agents arrested a second man, who witnesses said had tried to intervene as agents were trying to yank someone from a vehicle that pulled out of an alley and into their path.

Video from the scene shows a dark-colored Toyota Prius trying to turn onto Lawrence from an alley. The Prius appears to be unable to leave amid the crowd of people. An agent approaches and opens the driver's side door. A woman in pink tries to step between the agent and the driver.

As an agent tries to move her, she leans down into the open driver's seat while 33rd Ward Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez opens the passenger side door and, with a second person, pulls the woman free from the agent's grasp.

The agents continue trying to grab someone from the Prius. One stops to shove Rodriguez-Sanchez as she approaches them, then a man steps in front of the driver's open door. The agent turns back, grabs the man around his shoulders and slams him to the street.

Someone in the crowd screams: "Don't (expletive) touch him!"

A masked agent is seen holding what looks to be a pepper ball gun. Multiple white chalk-like marks were visible on the street where witnesses said agents fired pepper balls toward the ground to disperse the crowd. Video shows the Toyota driving from the scene.

Chicago police arrived and helped clear a path for agents to leave, drawing sharp rebukes from those gathered on the sidewalk.

It's unclear why agents were in the neighborhood. A Border Patrol spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

After agents and police left, Rodriguez-Sanchez talked about the arrests on social media, saying she understood both men arrested by agents were U.S. citizens.

"They came to terrorize our community," she said of the federal agents, before thanking the community's response.

'STATE SPONSORED TERROR'

Perhaps the most troubling clashes between federal agents and the public played out in Evanston.

A 54-year-old Evanston resident told the Tribune that she saw agents detain two of her neighbor's landscapers Friday morning.

"That's when I said to myself, 'You know what, I should be recording this.' And so I ran into my house to get my phone," said the woman, who asked her name not be used.

The officers tried to grab a third landscaper, but they let him go after he insisted he was an American citizen, according to a video the woman shared with the Tribune. Her daughter's middle school went on soft lockdown shortly after.

"It feels like state-sponsored terror," the woman said, "The two men that they took today, they probably have children. Their kids were probably expecting them to come home and go trick-or-treating with them."

The most chilling part, she added, was that an hour and a half later the landscaping company returned with a new set of workers to finish the project on her neighbor's yard.

"Can you believe that? Like, that's the people that they're taking," the woman said. "It is so upsetting to me. I just think that these are not hardened criminals. This is really intended to just scare people."

In a separate Evanston incident, librarian Kerry Littel captured on video a federal agent kneeling on a man's back and apparently punching him on the side of the head while residents shouted, "He can't breathe!"

The man was apparently detained after a crash with officers. Littel said she did not see the crash but was told it was caused by federal agents.

"They had yanked his shoes off, they were shoving him on the ground multiple times. It got to the level where they punched him. They kicked him. They slammed his head on the ground," Littel said. "I'm angry that I stopped the video. The community just started coming and trying to protect this kid. This kid needs help. He seriously was battered."

Lindsey Rose, a school administrator at Evanston Township High School, also witnessed the scene at Oakton and Asbury and called the punches "violent and horrific." She said it appeared like the man had a concussion after the incident because "his eyes were like gone."

Rose said another agent, on the passenger side of their vehicle, repeatedly pointed a weapon at onlookers while attempting to restrain a woman. She said the agent started getting "frustrated" while trying to force the woman in the car, and then he "whipped out his gun."

A video she took shows the agent at least twice pulling a weapon out of his holster while people shout "put the gun away." Rose said other agents pointed what appeared to be pepper spray at them.

"We were screaming and filming, and that's when the officer pulled the gun out and pointed it at us and threatened to shoot us," Rose said. "We were posing no immediate threat to him, and we were filming and making noise."

She described the scene as something out of an "apocalypse movie," and questioned how it could be real.

"It was terrifying," Rose said. "I mean, they had the most soulless eyes, it was so horrific. How could you treat a human like this?"

The Evanston Police Department said its officers responded to the crash while paramedics gave medical care to those exposed to pepper spray. The enforcement actions drew a swift rebuke from local leaders, who held a news conference blasting the presence of federal agents on streets hours before children were expected to trick-or-treat for Halloween.

The Department of Homeland Security said the incident started when a car that was "aggressively" tailgating federal agents crashed into a border patrol vehicle. According to the statement, a "hostile crowd" began spitting and verbally abusing the agents, prompting them to deploy pepper-spray projectiles.

The DHS statement did not address the agent pointing his gun or the man who was punched.

"These confrontations highlight the dangers our agents face daily and the escalating aggression toward law enforcement. The violence must end," the statement read.

Littel, meanwhile, said she was "still shaking" well after recording the encounter.

"If they think this is creating safety by quote unquote removing criminals, this is creating a much more dangerous situation," she said. "I'm blown away. I'm flabbergasted. I'm still trying to process what just happened and the aggression and the physical force that was used. It just doesn't make sense to me. I can't wrap my head around what I just saw."

'I'M NOT PROUD'

While agents were leaving Albany Park, 25 miles west in suburban Hoffman Estates, Efrain Cuevas said he saw eight vehicles with black-tinted windows surround 30 to 40 workers on a window improvement project at an apartment complex.

Everyone yelled "ICE" and scattered, Cuevas said. Agents gave chase, detaining three people. The agents asked for the workers' wallets and documentation, he said, and searched through the vehicles of those who didn't respond.

Cuevas, 24, said he trained with the U.S. Marine Corp for four months.

"I remember when I first went to boot camp I was proud to wear the uniform, proud to say I was a Marine," Cuevas said. "Now it's something I don't share anymore, because I'm not proud. Now we live in a world that looks like the government is turning the military against the citizens."

'I DIDN'T VOTE FOR THIS'

Around 11 a.m., a caravan of federal agents was spotted on Chicago's Northwest side and nearby suburbs. Led by Border Patrol Cmdr. Greg Bovino, a dozen agents detained people in Edison Park, Skokie and Niles. They stopped landscapers, house painters and laborers to ask for proof of citizenship or legal residency, taking those who couldn't immediately prove their status into custody.

A man was tackled on the sidewalk in front of Frederick Stock Public School while a resident watched and asked, "Are you proud of yourselves?"

The detainees were put into SUVs, then driven to an industrial area where they were loaded into passenger vans and spirited away.

One carpenter ran when he saw the patrol. When the agents caught the man, they seemed surprised that he was able to prove he was legally in the United States.

"Why did you run?" the agent asked.

The agents also confronted a man pouring concrete in Edison Park on Chicago's Far Northwest Side. When he showed them his proper paperwork, Bovino complimented the man on his concrete-pouring skills.

Skokie resident Morgan Krupinski said two workers from an American company, The Scottish Plumber, were doing flood control work on his property in the 8300 block of Harding Avenue when federal agents' vehicles came down the residential street. The agents stopped and demanded documents from both workers, who were able to produce evidence they were U.S. citizens.

"I'm angry," said Krupinski, who identified himself as a Republican and a conservative. "As someone who believes in the Constitution, for someone to be stopped by federal agents because of the color of their skin and their appearance, and to be asked for papers is completely unimaginable and completely unconstitutional, because where is probable cause? Where is reasonable search and seizure? They're working in a residential neighborhood."

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people to be harassed, I didn't vote for people to be brought out at gunpoint with machine guns, and to harass Americans."

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, when you read this article, you realize what is happening here. These ICE agents, whom Kristi Noem calls her "dream team," they have completely ignored the Constitution when it comes to due process. They are snatching up people right and left. Who are their targets? The Hispanic population, for sure, or anyone who looks Hispanic, or anyone who lives in a Hispanic neighborhood, or anyone who stands on the street corner with a whistle to try to warn off people that the ICE agents are coming, and certainly those who are in the occupations normally filled by immigrants like landscape workers.

Those are the targets. This is a "racist" effort. I use that word advisedly. It is a racist effort. It is not about terrorists and murderers and rapists. It is about people with an accent, people who look like they are Hispanic.

Well, that is what happened in the city of Evanston. And their vans—unmarked vans—roamed through the neighborhoods. These masked secret police of the immigration Agencies were roaming through the neighborhoods looking for anyone who appeared to be Spanish. That is what they did.

I want to read a statement. They pulled over a man, certainly not Spanish. His name is Morgan Krupinski, part of the great Polish population of the city of Chicago. Listen to what he had to say after he watched the ICE agents go through his neighborhood in Skokie.

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That is the name of the company—

were doing flood control work on his property in the 8300 block of Harding Avenue when federal agents' vehicles came down the residential street. The agents stopped and demanded documents from both workers, who were able to produce evidence they were [in fact] U.S. citizens.

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And then he said:

"And as someone who voted for this president, I didn't vote for this. I didn't vote for people to be harassed, I didn't vote for people to be brought out at gunpoint with machine guns, and to harass Americans."

That is in the article that I put in the RECORD.

So I say to my Republican friends: If you think you are winning in the popular vote with this approach, think twice. This is not American. This is not necessary. This is intimidation—and intimidation felt by a high school in Little Village in Chicago and intimidation felt by a suburb north of Chicago which is not usually characterized

as Hispanic in nature, but they were going after the workers who were raking the leaves.

It is really an amazing historical experience, constitutional experience, that we are facing, and it is one that we won't soon forget.

And as I reflect on going back every weekend and seeing further evidence of this travesty, I think—bottom line—there are good stories coming out of this as well: neighbors who finally gather together with their neighbors in the neighborhood and stand up for those who are being harassed by ICE and its Agencies.

RECOGNIZING MANNY'S DELICATESSEN

Mr. President, there is another thing that is going on, too, that seems to be totally unrelated, but I want to call it out.

If you are looking for a kosher delicatessen in Chicago, let me tell you my favorite: Manny's. It is right off Roosevelt Road in downtown Chicago. The Raskin family has owned this deli for many years—80, in fact. Danny Raskin, a grandson of the founder of the delicatessen, is running it today. He is a wonderful young businessman. He is struggling with the impact of the trade war and the impact of increasing costs for the basic products he sells. But you won't find a better pastrami sandwich, a corned beef, or a latke or kreplach soup anywhere. Manny's is one of the best.

Why do I break in with this advertisement for Danny Raskin? I want to tell you why. Manny's Deli, located right by the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been a legend in the community for eight decades. If you walk into Manny's, you will see a microcosm of the city of Chicago—people from everywhere, every kind of background—joined together over a fondness for his hearty portions and delicious sandwiches.

Manny's has been a staple in this community. Today, they announced they will provide free meals for those on SNAP—free meals. Why has Manny's found it necessary to feed those on SNAP? Because President Trump became the first President in history to deliberately disrupt the processing of November's SNAP benefits, jeopardizing 42 million Americans' food security.

Although the Department of Agriculture was told by two Federal courts that they had the authority to fully fund SNAP, today they announced they will only pay half of the November benefits. That is going to cause a real hardship for millions of Americans on what used to be known as the Food Stamp Program.

Thankfully, Manny's Delicatessen in Chicago is willing to do what the Trump administration is not—working to make sure that nobody in their city goes hungry. They are going to offer a sandwich, potato pancake, and some desert to the people who come in with SNAP cards. I am grateful to the great staff at Manny's and their owner

Danny Raskin for their generosity as SNAP payments are cut under President Trump.

But Manny's isn't the only restaurant in the city of Chicago helping those on SNAP; it is one among many stepping up across Chicago to make sure Illinoisans don't go hungry. Tazza Italian Ristorante, Wooden Paddle, and one of the better pizza places, Lou Malnati's, and other restaurants as well are offering SNAP recipients free or discounted lunch during the month of November. I am grateful for their assistance as Chicagoans face the reality of President Trump's cruel SNAP cuts.

I hope that we here in Washington will learn from the kindness demonstrated by these restaurants and that we will work as hard as they do to feed and keep Americans safe.

Let me just add in closing that there is another man involved in this story, and I want to mention his name. It is Wayne Gordon. Wayne Gordon has been the minister at Lawndale Christian Church for over 40 years. He graduated from Wheaton College, went into the ministry after he coached basketball at Farragut High School, and started the church in the Lawndale section—a poor, largely Black section of Chicago. But he and his wife moved there 40 years ago and still live there to this day. They started Lawndale Christian.

He is an evangelical minister who prays for me every day, thank goodness, and I try to return the favor. But I am sure he is the mentor that Danny Raskin mentioned as his inspiration for providing this food.

Hats off to Coach Wayne Gordon and Danny Raskin for this amazing display of care at a time when it is needed more than ever.

Mr. President, let me close saying this: We can solve this problem in the Senate, and we can do it this week. There is no excuse. The President is back from his trip overseas. The House can be called into session and return—and they should be—sooner rather than later. We can sit down and work out the problem of what to do with skyrocketing health insurance premiums.

Let me tell you what I have been told by the Illinois Department of Insurance. They told me that health insurance premiums are going to double in the northern part of our State, near Chicago, and triple in the rural, smalltown sections downstate—triple the current level of health insurance premiums. How in the world will families struggling to get by paycheck to paycheck manage that?

That is a legitimate question. My Republican friends should join me in asking that question, and they should go beyond these vague references the President made last night on "60 Minutes" about "We have some ideas." I have heard that for years now, and we don't know what those ideas are.

What we should do is sit down and work together to solve both problems. Open up the government, which we can do when we reach an agreement—and

we can go forward—on health costs that are going to make 24 million Americans lose their health insurance.

We all should share feelings about the families that are struggling with this—both things—and we can do it if we work together. Drop the fanfare. Close the door. Find a table. Invite the President and the leaders, Republican and Democrat. Get it done this week. We can do it. I believe we can if we have the will to. I hope some of the people will step up on the other side of the aisle and join in this bipartisan effort. That is the only way to end this government shutdown.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

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

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

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, we are now over a month into a shutdown caused by the refusal of Senate Democrats to vote for a short-term, stopgap spending bill that expires November 21. So much time has passed that we are now only 3 weeks out from that new deadline even if they were to vote to pass this short-term funding bill that has passed the House of Representatives.

This cannot be explained by logic or reason; this can only be explained by politics and by the Democratic leader's desire to keep his job and to survive in the next election because he is afraid of his own political party and that they will throw him overboard if he were to agree to a short-term, stopgap spending bill, which we did 13 times when President Biden was in office.

But we are also hearing that they want us to negotiate the expiring Biden COVID-era subsidies for the ObamaCare exchange. Since they want to talk about that, I would just reiterate what President Trump has said, what Speaker JOHNSON has said, and what the majority leader of the Senate has said: We are happy to talk about anything and everything you want to talk about once you reopen the government.

But since Democrats brought it up and since they still insist on keeping the government shut down, endangering people flying, causing enormous inconvenience at the international Bush Airport in Houston—there is a 3-hour wait for people to simply get through the security line at TSA.

We know that 42 million people have been denied access to supplemental nutrition—some of the most vulnerable people in our country—and we know that Federal Government employees are not being paid even though they are obviously working.

I have not heard a Senate Democrat say "Well, I am going to withhold my pay during this shutdown," as those of

us on this side of the aisle have done, including yours truly, so presumably they are continuing to get paid while everybody else is not being paid and while enormous numbers of the most vulnerable of our population, who depend on supplemental nutrition for food on the table, are being denied that relief—all because they are afraid to deal with the politics associated with simply passing a short-term, stopgap spending bill.

But they also say they want this conversation to be about health insurance. Since they want to talk about ObamaCare, I figured I would oblige them.

Now, we know that health insurance rates have certainly continued to go up. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that the cost of a family health insurance plan in 2025 is nearly \$27,000.

If you are 1 of the 16 million people on the Affordable Care Act exchanges, your premium is scheduled to go up 18 percent next year—18 percent. At the same time, if you are on an employer-provided insurance plan, premiums will go up roughly 6 or 7 percent—6 or 7 percent versus 18 percent. Well, there must be a good reason for that astronomical figure for the ObamaCare plans, and I plan on mentioning a few reasons why that is so.

Well, employers are paying for much of the health insurance premiums for their employees, but increased costs eat away at the budget they have to pay wages and other benefits. So employee salaries will become stagnant as employers have to pay more each year for health insurance.

For small businesses, the margin is even greater—or I say the margin should be smaller. The increased costs of healthcare for their employees might mean they can't offer generous raises or might mean they can't afford to hire as many people as they previously did.

So clearly the rising cost of healthcare and health insurance is a problem for individuals and employers, but a fair question is, How did we get here?

Well, the first place we have to look is ObamaCare, popularly known as the Affordable Care Act. The fact of the matter is, it is the "Unaffordable Care Act."

When President Obama signed this highly controversial signature healthcare plan into policy, he promised that it would make health insurance affordable for the American people.

In 2016, in a speech to students in Florida, President Obama said:

The Affordable Care Act has done what it was designed to do: It gave us affordable healthcare.

Now 15 years later, this claim has aged like spoiled milk. Since 2013, the year before ObamaCare took effect, the average ObamaCare enrollee has faced a premium increase of 221 percent. That is since 2013 until today—a 221-

percent increase in the premium. This mind-boggling number is only for those who receive health coverage through the Affordable Care Act, which is, of course, as I indicated, a misnomer for the ages. Those who received their coverage through their employer-sponsored plan were not affected by these premium hikes. As I mentioned, the Wall Street Journal said their premiums will go up roughly 6 or 7 percent.

From 2013 to 2019, individuals buying health insurance on the private market faced 143 percent increases in their healthcare premiums. And this number does not account for all Americans who kept their plans but faced increased premiums or less comprehensive coverage.

President Obama knew but he refused to say that for many people, even though this new healthcare law claimed to make healthcare affordable, it did just the opposite. So what did he do? He tried to shift the blame.

The claim that the "Unaffordable Care Act" would make healthcare affordable was far from President Obama's only broken promise. In a quip that was later described by a political fact-checking site as the lie of the year for 2013, President Obama said that "if you like your health care plan, you can keep it." A 2013 political fact-checking site called that the lie of the year.

But we know how the story has ended. By the fall of 2013, 4 million Americans received letters informing them that their then existing healthcare plan would be canceled.

In the same 2016 speech, he said:

Now, some people may say, well, I've seen my copays go up, or my networks have changed. But these are decisions that are made by your employers. It is not because of ObamaCare. They're not determined by the Affordable Care Act.

Now, that was a complete and utter abdication of responsibility for the disruption that ObamaCare caused. And while it may be true that they were not directly determined by the Affordable Care Act, it is because of the Affordable Care Act that people lost their coverage, and, thus, they could not keep the coverage they had if they wanted it.

ObamaCare did not make healthcare affordable. It created a tangled web of regulations alongside taxpayer-funded subsidies that ultimately only led to higher costs for taxpayers and those receiving care.

The only party that stood to gain the benefit from the ObamaCare chaos was the health insurance companies themselves. They have enjoyed a windfall as a result of ObamaCare. By now, insurance companies have figured out how to use the muddled mess that is the Democrats' healthcare system to lobby for government subsidies, including the continuation of the expiring COVID-19 era subsidies that the Biden administration imposed.

They knew that Democrats would not want to be responsible for the in-

creased premiums and lower coverage. So they threatened premium increases while lobbying Congress to give these insurance companies even more money in the form of enhanced subsidies.

In 2025 alone, U.S. government healthcare subsidies paid directly to insurance companies totaled more than \$130 billion. That is your tax dollars paid to insurance companies—\$130 billion in 2025 alone.

In some cases, these subsidies pay for phantom enrollees who are likely not even to know that they are covered by one of these policies.

In 2024, there were approximately 12 million Affordable Care Act marketplace enrollees who made zero medical claims, a highly unusual circumstance—12 million, no claims. Roughly 40 percent of those fully subsidized by the Biden-era COVID credits made zero claims, meaning that these insurance companies received these very generous subsidies but incurred zero costs.

Since 2021, the cost taxpayers have incurred to subsidize ObamaCare plans has increased a staggering 150 percent, and many of the ones on these policies are far from the most vulnerable in our population. In 2021, when the Democrats lifted the cap on these subsidies, removing the income eligibility limit, households earning upward of \$500,000 were made eligible for taxpayer-subsidized plans.

So you tell me why taxpayers should have to subsidize somebody who makes a half a million dollars a year and buy their health insurance policy for them.

These increasingly expanded subsidies for high earners proves the point that was perhaps the only promise that ObamaCare actually kept—that the Affordable Care Act was "just a first step" toward a taxpayer-funded healthcare system, a single-payer system.

Back in 2016, President Obama compared his signature law to a starter home that would later be upgraded into one that would be much bigger. But based on the way the law actually worked, it is clear that expanding it is not going to make people better off, just the contrary.

So here we are in 2026, and what happened? Are we living in a utopia where healthcare is free or suddenly affordable? Well, just the opposite. Healthcare is now more expensive than ever, with analysts warning that increased costs will continue to eat away at workers' paychecks.

Millions of Americans have faced cancellations of their private insurance plans, while many more are facing devastating premium increases.

And then there are the insurance companies that have reaped hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies while continuing to raise premiums on patients.

I think it is safe to say that ObamaCare was a golden promise that turned out to be almost entirely false.

So when we look for a solution to rising healthcare costs, we should be wary

of listening to the same people who sold us ObamaCare on false premises and not trust those who would prefer we continue to prop up a failed system that enriches insurance companies while leaving Americans to pick up the pieces.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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 legislative 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. 371, Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Ted Budd, Bill Hagerty, Bernie Moreno, John R. Curtis, Jon A. Husted, Jim Justice, Ashley B. Moody, Roger Marshall, Joni Ernst, Ron Johnson, John Boozman, John Kennedy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 602 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Ernst	Marshall
Barrasso	Fischer	McConnell
Blackburn	Graham	McCormick
Boozman	Grassley	Moody
Britt	Hagerty	Moran
Budd	Hawley	Moreno
Capito	Hoeven	Mullin
Cassidy	Husted	Murkowski
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Paul
Cornyn	Johnson	Ricketts
Cramer	Justice	Risch
Crapo	Kennedy	Rounds
Cruz	Lankford	Schmitt
Curtis	Lee	Scott (FL)
Daines	Lummis	Scott (SC)

Sheehy	Thune	Wicker
Sullivan	Tuberville	Young

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

Booker	Cotton	Tillis
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(Mr. HUSTED assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Eric Chunyee Tung, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 421.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative 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. 421, Caleb

Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

John Thune, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Mike Crapo, Jon A. Husted, Rick Scott of Florida, John Boozman, John R. Curtis, Mike Rounds, Kevin Cramer, Ted Cruz, Thom Tillis, Bernie Moreno, Tommy Tuberville, Markwayne Mullin, Katie Boyd Britt, Bill Cassidy, Roger F. Wicker.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. 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 BILL BUTLER

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a driven and civic-minded Kentucky business leader William P. Butler. Bill will soon be inducted into the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame for transforming Corporex, a company he founded in 1965, into a multi-billion-dollar business. I ask my colleagues to please join me in applauding Bill on his induction and recognizing his company's immense positive impact on northern Kentucky.

Bill took a risk in 1965, starting his career as a young man in real estate. In the beginning, it was hard to do business in the Louisville community due to his youth and inexperience. Bill had to innovate, so he hired staff who knew the landscape well, and in 5 years, his construction company had built 35 buildings across Louisville. He brought proof of these accomplishments back to Covington, which accelerated the growth of his company.

In the 1980s, Bill began dreaming about the potential of Covington and northern Kentucky and decided to invest in new opportunities. He first focused on making the south shore of the Ohio River just as vibrant as its northern counterpart. This project eventually became the RiverCenter, a business complex home to numerous hotels, businesses, and other drivers of economic development. Bill also worked hard turning an area near the CVG International Airport into Circleport, one of Kentucky's foremost business parks spanning over 650 acres. Bill is a one-of-a-kind developer and has certainly made his mark.

While Bill is an accomplished businessman, he is also heavily involved in improving the lives of others in the community. In 2005, he founded the Life Learning Center, which works to deliver education and care to at-risk individuals, helping them find gainful employment and get back on track. In 2024, 100 percent of graduates of the Life Learning Center were either employed or enrolled in secondary education. Graduates also gain access to