

lying to you if I told you that being a caregiver to him is easy and flows naturally from a boundless love. It is hard to provide care if it doesn't always feel reciprocal, and there are times that I feel guilty when I feel trapped. But for all the faults that he and I embody, it doesn't diminish responsibility, and I will give him a good and decent life as best as I can provide.

I will bring that same sense of responsibility right here into this Chamber with a nation divided. I believe that one can and should care for one another even in the face of division and disagreement. Just as caregivers have a responsibility to those in their care, we, as Senators and as Americans, have a responsibility to one another, as community members, as people. Here in the Senate, it is where we should exemplify this action of care.

I have seen glimpses of what the Senate can be. This sacred ground that we get the honor to embody—it is not just a place of heated debate and consequential votes; it can be a place of care. It must be a place of care, not just for those of us in this Chamber but for the Nation.

The care you have shown me, from the ear with which you have listened to my telling of my troubles, let us pour that out of these doors and give it toward the 7 million Americans afflicted with Alzheimer's, the tens of millions more who are families struggling with the struggles of their loved ones. Let our care pour out to the tens of millions of parents who struggle to give their kids the kind of life they want. Let us build a caregiver movement to care for our family and also our Nation.

Today, in this maiden speech, I make a promise to the people of New Jersey and the people of this country that for as long as I have the chance to serve here, I will do everything I can to give you the care you deserve. I will care for your parents and grandparents as hard as I will for mine. I will care for your kids and grandkids as much as I care for mine. I will not be perfect, and I will stumble at times. But I have learned as a caregiver, I have no other choice but to endure. Whether it is the emergency calls in the middle of the night or the drop-everything moments where I have to rush to the hospital, there is no alternative. As a caregiver, we are the backstop.

We here in this Chamber need to be that for the ailing Nation. We are the backstop. There are times where it will be—to again quote my father's doctor—hell, not just for my family but for our country, but there is no greater cause than care. No bigger responsibility exists than the one we have to the people we love, and that extends to the Nation that we love. There is no larger obligation that we have as Senators and as Americans to make it easier to look after each other.

This is my maiden speech, and one day, I will stand here again to give my farewell speech. The duration between

these two speeches will, I hope, not be measured in years but, instead, by the problems I sought to tackle and solve. In between these speeches, I hope we meet the urgency and lead our Nation forward with strategy and purpose.

I have often said that we work in what is arguably the most reactionary building in America—reacting to the headlines, the social posts—but it doesn't have to be this way. Instead, we can be a Senate that sets out real goals and builds the strategy to meet them.

Where do we want our Nation to be in 10, 20, 30 years from now? I want to be a part of that Senate—a Senate unafraid to pursue big ideas.

I hope in my future farewell speech, I can say that I was part of the Senate that finally delivered universal healthcare for our Nation; a Senate that found a way to provide childcare to every family and long-term care for every senior in need; a Senate that catalyzed innovation that led to prevent and cure Alzheimer's and other wretched diseases; a Senate that finally gave care to our caregivers, who for so long have felt invisible and taken for granted; a Senate that stood up against corruption and restored trust of the American people back into our democracy and governance; a Senate that helped restore American global leadership which shaped a world where peace and prosperity fosters freedom and innovation for everyone; and a Senate that created the kind of America where I can ease my anxiety as a parent as I watch my boys become men.

Colleagues, I ask for your help here because I cannot do this alone. None of us have this power alone. And the Nation is looking to us right now to right this ship and give a vision that we can be proud of.

To my staff, I promise you that this will be a noble journey you will be proud to be a part of. I know this will be hard and could very well fall short of our lofty goals, but I want no regret in my time here in this sacred Chamber; that I can say I did everything I could; that I have no regrets about the time I spent here, being a caregiver to our great Nation, to make one out of many.

I am ready. Let's get to work.

With that, I yield the floor.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY KIM

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, as my colleagues are understandably greeting my colleague, I just wanted to take a moment and take the floor to express my deep admiration for a man that I have known for decades.

I first met ANDY KIM when he was a college student and I was interviewing him for a Rhodes Scholarship. I was part of this panel of people who had to interview some of the best people from the State of New Jersey for this vaunted scholarship. I will tell you right now, when ANDY KIM walked in

that room, he blew away every one of the interviewers.

I like to brag around New Jersey now that while now hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people have voted for ANDY KIM, I was perhaps the first person to do so.

What I saw in a young college student decades ago has only blossomed so much more as he has gone from a young man to a U.S. Senator.

We throw around the word "patriotism" a lot, and it is often used in a way to brandish pride or, at its worst, as a way to condemn others. But the truth of patriotism was in the language we heard today; it is in the language of love, the fact that you cannot love your country unless you love your fellow country men and women.

I am excited that New Jersey has a Senator of unassailable brilliance, but what makes him special is not simply his extraordinary head but the profound depths of his heart.

New Jersey is a State that often I call the Rodney Dangerfield State where we get no respect, but the truth of the matter is, New Jersey has a representative that in this body that is known for partisanship, he is a person that is seen by colleagues on both sides of the aisle as someone that has a soul force, someone who has a heart, someone who is determined to be the kind of patriot this Nation needs.

I would be remiss in not mentioning this: I love the fact that we have this body that represents so many American traditions, so many streams of lived experiences that make this a great representation of our Nation. But the truth is, we are still seeing so many firsts in this body.

One first we should recognize is the one that ANDY KIM exemplifies. He is the first Korean American to serve in this body at a time that Korean Americans have made contributions—from the academics, to the sciences, innovators, businesspeople, farmers. But this is the first time the United States of America has seen a Korean American, the son of immigrants, stand in this body. I will tell you this—not just because of his heritage, not just because of the uniqueness of his presence on this floor, but because of the depth of his humanity, his demonstration today of the urgency that we stand up and allow people to see our vulnerability, see our frailty. In fact, in many ways, ANDY KIM has shown that often the greatest courage is found in the depths of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our candor and honesty with our own struggles.

I am a man of great physical stature relative to my smaller Senator, but I hope everybody in America knows this: I may have greater physical stature, but since I met him as a college student, I have looked up to my friend and my brother, a giant of a human, ANDY KIM.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I also rise to commend my new colleague of

less than a year on his maiden speech, and I rise as the senior-most Republican on the floor at this time to congratulate him on behalf of my colleagues on the Republican side.

ANDY KIM is going to cast votes that will be considered way further to the left than those that I will cast. There will be ratings that will rate him 100 percent and probably give me a zero, and on the conservative ratings, it will be close to the same in the other direction.

But having watched him, having listened to him, having attended Senate Prayer Breakfasts with ANDY KIM over the past few months, I know that he is someone whose heart is good and who will work with every Senator and every Member of the House to advance this Nation.

I am glad that Senator ANDY KIM mentioned "E pluribus unum," and I have learned a history lesson. I had never gone back to Cicero, but I found it interesting that Senator KIM went back and found that the verb there that allowed many to become one was "love" in the view of Cicero. And it reminded me of perhaps a passage that he might have heard or read from the New Testament in some of our Prayer Breakfasts, and that is when Jesus of Nazareth was asked by the experts, what was the greatest commandment? And Jesus answered: You should love your God with all your heart and soul and might; this is the first and great commandment.

But the second is alike unto it. The second greatest commandment is just like it, and that is "love your neighbor." And what that means to me, as someone who has been a Christian since my early days in grade school, is that in order to show that you actually love God, you must love your neighbor, and so I appreciate what we have learned from the New Testament and Cicero, which brings us to the great importance of working toward a more perfect Union. We will never have a perfect Union in this world, but out of many we can become one. And it is the kind of rhetoric and the kind of leadership that we have heard from our young colleague today that makes me more and more optimistic about that.

And so I commend my friend and my colleague, and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF ROBERT CHAMBERLIN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Robert Chamberlin to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

I will vote in opposition to Justice Chamberlin's confirmation to a lifetime appointment on the Federal bench. There are several reasons why I cannot support his nomination.

Justice Chamberlin's positions as a State legislator demonstrate that he holds extreme views that are out of the mainstream.

While serving as a State Senator, Justice Chamberlin cosponsored legis-

lation to advance so-called "fetal personhood" by expanding the definition of human being under State law to include every stage of gestation, beginning from conception.

He also cosponsored legislation that would allow healthcare providers to refuse treatment to patients if they claim it violates their conscience, without facing any liability.

But that is where his "pro-life" views end.

Although gun violence is the leading cause of death for American children, Justice Chamberlin voted for a bill making it illegal for Mississippi communities to sue gun manufacturers or dealers for faulty design, manufacture, distribution, or sale of firearms and ammunition.

With Justice Chamberlin's troubling record, we cannot trust that he will be fair and impartial if confirmed to the Federal bench. His record demonstrates a devotion to partisan politics, not the rule of law.

I cannot support this nomination, and I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. After consulting with both sides of the aisle, I ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled rollcall vote commence immediately.

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

VOTE ON CHAMBERLIN NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Chamberlin nomination?

Ms. WARREN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 636 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

Capito	Duckworth	Justice
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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 senior assistant executive 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. 572, William J. Crain, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

John Thune, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Jon Husted, Joni Ernst, Shelley Moore Capito, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Jim Justice, Pete Ricketts, John Barrasso, Ted Budd, Eric Schmitt, Ashley B. Moody, Tom Cotton.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of William J. Crain, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) is necessarily absent.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 637 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Blackburn	Britt
Barrasso	Boozman	Budd