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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider the en bloc nominations listed in S. Res. 532.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 532, the nominations listed therein are pending en bloc.

## 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 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, and the provisions of S. Res. 532 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos.: 166, 267, 354, 429, 430, 431, 432, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 461, 462, 463, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 486, 488, 489, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, en bloc.

John Thune, Mike Crapo, Jon A. Husted, Lindsey Graham, James E. Risch, Lisa Murkowski, Bill Hagerty, Todd Young, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, David McCormick, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Bill Cassidy, John Cornyn, Josh Hawley.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, the deadly collision that occurred here in our Nation's Capital between American Airlines Flight 5342 from Wichita, KS, and a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter on January 29, 2025, forever changed how we look at and think about air travel.

There were numerous circumstances that led to this horrific incident, and the NTSB's—the National Transportation Safety Board—critical investigation into this collision is continuing even today.

While the NTSB's final recommendations have not yet been released, the Chair of the NTSB, Jennifer Homendy, took an unusual step in publicly stating that the current version of NDAA—the National Defense Authorization Act—does not adequately address the safety concerns surrounding the mixed airspace around DCA.

She even went on to say that the legislation—NDAA—“reverses safety changes made after the mid-air collision; after the NTSB issued urgent safety recommendations; and after Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy rightfully implemented NTSB's urgent safety recommendations.”

Based on the data and recommendations we have received so far from NTSB, we know that, one, there should have been limitations to rotary travel in high-traffic areas of commercial air travel; two, all aircraft in this space should be using position broadcast technology, with nearly no exceptions; and three, the users of this congested airspace should be communicating problems to each other, like the 15,000 near misses that occurred around DCA in a 3-year period between commercial planes and rotary aircraft—15,000 near misses in a 3-year period of time.

The current NDAA text includes a provision which misses the mark on two of these must-have provisions; therefore, I will insist and be working with my colleagues to amend the fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act or to otherwise pass legislation, perhaps in the appropriations process—I am a member of that committee—to make sure that NDAA language is at least, as a minimum, abiding by the safety standards that were set in place after the crash of January 29.

Our aviation system is fragile. I chair the Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation and Space. We have seen this in testimony time and time again. There is fragility in the safety of our air system.

Over the last year, Congress has passed significant legislation to invest in the future safety of our airspace and introduced legislation to make our airspace safer, including the ROTOR Act. Now is not the time to step back from these efforts.

I am grateful for the hard work of NTSB Chair Homendy and her team, and I look forward to receiving their final recommendations when that time arises.

I also want to say thank you to the families of the victims of Flight 5342, who have continued to be vocal advocates for the safety of our airspace in honor of the loved ones they lost.

It is important that we not take a step back but take a step forward, and I will work in every way that I can with my colleagues to see that we accomplish that before the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

## CHINA

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, on Monday, President Donald Trump announced he will green light NVIDIA selling H200 chips to China.

Now, these are advanced chips that the Chinese military has been after for years. Trump's own Department of Justice has called them “the building blocks of AI superiority.”

Just hours before Trump's announcement, the Department of Justice announced a crackdown on a sophisticated trafficking network that allegedly smuggled \$50 million worth of these chips to China.

Why? Because they know that China is gaining access to these chips, and that poses a serious threat to our technological leadership and national security.

So why did the President make this bad deal that sells out the American economy and sells out American national security? It is simple. In the Trump administration, money talks. And NVIDIA's CEO, Jensen Huang, knows it. Mr. Huang understands that, in this administration, being able to cozy up to Donald Trump might be the most important corporate CEO skill of all. Mr. Huang paid a million-dollar-a-plate dinner to be with the President. Mr. Huang's company has donated to the President's ballroom.

And Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick's former company, now run by his son, stands to make loads of money if NVIDIA's stock surges.

Those are just the most obvious possible reasons to cut this deal, and who knows what else Mr. Huang might have done behind closed doors to persuade President Trump and Secretary Lutnick into making this dangerous concession.

The American public deserves answers. Mr. Huang should be brought in front of Congress to testify under oath, and he should be joined by Secretary Lutnick and every other Trump administration official involved in this decision.

Congress does not need to stand by helplessly. Both Republicans and Democrats understand the risks here, and we should pass bipartisan legislation that reins in this administration as soon as possible.

The Guaranteeing Access and Innovation for National AI act—called the GAIN Act—that Senator BANKS and I introduced would prohibit NVIDIA from shipping advanced chips to China while American universities, American startups, and American small businesses are waiting in line to buy the company's chips.

Senator RICKETTS and Senator COONS have introduced another bill that Senator BANKS and I support. It is called the SAFE Chips Act, and it would prohibit the President from green-lighting advanced AI chip sales to China.

Republicans and Democrats have legislation ready to go, and we should get this done before it is too late. Senator THUNE should schedule either or both bills for a vote immediately.

Here is another thing that Democrats and Republicans in Congress need to keep an eye on:

Will Donald Trump muzzle his own Justice Department because he does not want Americans to know that he is selling out our national security?

Will Donald Trump order the Assistant Attorney General for National Security and the U.S. attorney for the

Southern District of Texas to dismiss the criminal cases that they just announced this week as part of the crack-down on chip smuggling?

Will Donald Trump fire those Justice Department officials for exposing the national security risks of the deal that Donald Trump just cut?

Will Donald Trump tell his Attorney General to drop all investigations into these national security concerns and turn a blind eye to how the Chinese military could use these chips to train weapon systems that could endanger American lives?

I am deeply concerned that Donald Trump will target the work at the Department of Justice in a cynical attempt to hide the truth from the American people.

And in case Donald Trump directs his Department of Justice to take down the public evidence or to cover it up, I am going to read into the Senate RECORD exactly how senior law enforcement officials warned about the dangers of allowing these chips to power the development of cutting-edge technology in China.

Here is what the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas had to say, and I am going to quote this:

Operation Gatekeeper has exposed a sophisticated smuggling network that threatens our Nation's security by funneling cutting-edge AI technology to those who would use it against American interests.

These chips are the building blocks of AI superiority and are integral to modern military application.

The country that controls these chips will control AI technology. The country that controls AI technology will control the future.

The Southern District of Texas will aggressively prosecute anyone who attempts to compromise America's technological edge.

That is what the U.S. attorney—Donald Trump's own U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas—had to say about the chips that NVIDIA has just been permitted by Donald Trump to put into the hands of the Chinese.

And here is what the Assistant Attorney General for National Security at Trump's Department of Justice had to say—again, Trump's own Assistant Attorney General for National Security:

The United States has long emphasized the importance of innovation and is responsible for an incredible amount of cutting-edge technology, such as the advanced computer chips that make modern AI possible.

This advantage isn't free but rather the result of our engineers' and scientists' hard work and sacrifice.

The National Security Division, along with our partners, will vigorously enforce our export-control laws and protect this edge.

The President's most basic duty is to protect the economic and national security of the American people. And, instead, President Trump is bowing to foreign dictators like Xi Jinping and selling out our national security to billionaire corporate interests that pay for special White House dinners and a gold-plated ballroom.

Never before has a President and a tech CEO so brazenly conspired against

the interests of the American people. Congress has a responsibility to stop it and stop it now.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

#### IMMIGRATION

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I came to the floor earlier this year to warn of the imminent threat that Islam poses to our great country. Unfortunately, that threat turned into reality just a few weeks ago when a deranged jihadist shot two of our National Guardsmen just steps from the White House. Just before Thanksgiving, SPC Sarah Backstrom and SSG Andrew Wolfe were on patrol near the White House when they were attacked by Biden-imported Afghan Islamists. A 29-year-old jihadist radically, viciously attacked them, killing Specialist Backstrom and leaving Staff Sergeant Wolfe in critical condition.

He is still fighting for his life today. Our prayers go out to him and his family.

So let's make it very clear. The Afghan terrorist attacked these two soldiers because that is what Islam teaches. The Quran says to kill all infidels. That means all people who don't believe in Islam.

So let's not mince words about this. Islamists want every single American, and especially Christian Americans, they want them dead.

In 2021, Joe Biden orchestrated the botched Afghan withdrawal, which was one of the most embarrassing days in our country's history. Thirteen American soldiers lost their lives as a direct result of the Biden disastrous, misinformed leadership, not to mention he empowered the Taliban, who came crawling out of the hills, to take back control of Afghanistan.

To make matters worse, Joe Biden then allowed more than 190,000—let me repeat that—190,000 unvetted Afghans into this country, no questions asked, not to mention the more than 7 billion in equipment that was left behind for the Taliban, which, by the way, now has been showing up all over the world after it has been sold.

These potential terrorists are now living amongst us, residing in our neighborhoods, going to our kids' schools, and mooching off our taxpayer benefits.

That withdrawal was an embarrassment and a stain on our country.

The 29-year-old, deranged terrorist who shot two National Guardsmen in DC was working with the CIA in Afghanistan and was part of an elite unit that was supposed to be helping fight our Nation's enemies. Clearly, this person was deranged and should never have been allowed to work with our intelligence Agencies or to come to the United States where he viciously attacked two American guardsmen while chanting "Allahu Akbar."

Make no mistake, this is part of the deep state's globalist agenda that aims to destroy this country through mass Islamic migration.

Where is the outrage from the people in this Chamber? I haven't heard it. If we don't do something to stop this Islamic takeover of our country, we will soon be called the "United Caliphate of America."

If the previous administration prioritized protecting American citizens instead of inviting terrorists to our country, Sarah Backstrom may still be alive today.

Thanks to President Trump, a travel ban has been placed on Afghans, along with people from 18 other Third World countries, including Somalia. And I have got a message to the immigrants from these Islamist countries: If you hate this country, refuse to go by our laws, and chant "Death to America," it is time to go home.

There are a lot of good people that come from Middle Eastern countries and go by our laws and assimilate with our culture, but if you come here otherwise, it is time to go home.

The Trump administration is also prioritizing the deportation of Afghans who are already here illegally. You know, I am 100 percent behind President Trump's effort to get rid of all Islamists who hate our country, as I just previously said, take advantage of the system when they come here. Don't defraud our government. Don't come here to try to destroy us. Assimilate with the Americans in this country to make our country better. We should be welcoming immigrants who are willing to assimilate with our culture and to contribute to our society. That is what we want. Being in this country is a privilege, not a right. If you are an immigrant coming to this country, you need to leave your old way of life and the traditions behind and come here and work with us.

Unfortunately, many of the Islamists who are here are not doing that. They are doing whatever they can to turn our country into the Third World hell hole that they came from.

We are different. We want a great country, not a Third World country. These foreigners don't understand what this country stands for. This country owes you nothing but an opportunity to succeed. It doesn't owe you a hand-out.

Islamist immigrants come to this country with a sense of entitlement, and that is what this country is not about. We will give you a hand but not everything. They believe the American people owe them something, and we don't owe anybody anything. They take advantage of our system.

If this is your attitude, we don't want you here. We want you to help this country become better.

The Somali population in Minnesota, as we have been watching on the news for the last few days, is an example of a group that thinks they are entitled to take anything they want from the American people and force Americans to bow to their will.