

and the odds are pretty high he got a lot of that money.

I want to thank my colleagues MARTIN HEINRICH and SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, whom I am co-releasing this report with. This report helps lay the foundation for how the Democratic Senate majority would lower energy costs for the American people, and it is part of our broader, yearlong effort to lay out a Democratic vision to lower the cost of living across the board.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The majority whip.

SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor having just heard the minority leader address this body in talking about a fringe position. It has to do with voting in America in our elections.

And, essentially, what the minority leader said—he said it is fringe to have to prove that you are a citizen in order to vote. Apparently, the Democrats view that as a fringe position that you have to prove you are a citizen in order to vote in elections in the United States of America in a national election.

The minority leader additionally said it was basically fringe to have to show a photo ID when you cast a vote in an election. Those are mainstream, commonsense ideas.

The Democrats and Joe Biden let 10 million—if not more—illegal immigrants flood into this country over the 4 years of the Biden administration; and now, what do the Democrats want to do? They want to make it easier for illegal immigrants to go to the polls and to influence and have an impact on the elections in the United States of America.

To me, that is a fringe idea to allow illegal immigrants to vote, but that is what the Democrats are here promoting. I believe you should prove you are a citizen if you want to vote in the United States. I believe you need to show a photo ID when you need to vote.

That is what we have to do in my home State of Wyoming. Many States require it. But not the Democrat States that have been swamped with illegal immigrants and the sanctuary cities to allow anyone to come in, abuse the laws of the land, abuse the privileges of citizens.

That, to me, is a fringe idea, but that is what Democrats are going to stand for this week on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

You need to show an ID if you board a plane. You have got to show an ID if you go to a sporting event and buy a beer.

Why would you not have to show an ID to vote in an election in the United States? And then to hear the minority leader—I mean, it is astonishing. I wrote it down. He said: No more voter registration when you get a driver's license, as if there is something wrong with that.

Nineteen States give driver's licenses to people who are in this country illegally. So, of course, I don't want those people to be able to be registering to vote when they get a driver's license. I don't want them to even get a driver's license.

The minority leader thinks that is business as usual—give the illegal immigrants a driver's license and sign them up to vote, one step after another. We don't care if they are here legally or illegally. Sign them up. Maybe they will vote for us. That is the Democrat position in all of this.

The bill that we are going to be addressing this week on the floor, the SAVE America Act, that is the way we can have safe, secure elections that reflect the viewpoints of the American people.

So when I hear what is fringe, what I think is fringe is the Democrats in this body—and I think every one of them is going to stand with the extreme wing of their party—who want to allow illegal immigrants to vote and have an influence in the elections in this country. It is absolutely wrong.

This week, we are going to put every one of them on the record, and by the time this is over, every American is going to know that the Democrats are the party—that they are the party of illegal immigrants, open borders, and illegal voters.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam 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.

NOTICE TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby provide notice that I intend to move to suspend the operation of rule XXV, paragraph

(n)(1) to permit the Committee on Rules and Administration to consider the following motion with respect to the message to accompany S. 1383:

Motion to refer with instructions: That the Message to accompany S. 1383 be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instruction that the Committee consider legislation that fully funds the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) through fiscal year 2026.

NOTICE TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby provide notice that I intend to move to suspend the operation of rule XXV, paragraph (n)(1) to permit the Committee on Rules and Administration to consider the following motion with respect to the message to accompany S. 1383:

Motion to refer with instructions: That the Message to accompany S. 1383 be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instruction that the Committee consider legislation that restricts a current President of the United States of America from receiving payments from the Department of Justice.

NOTICE TO SUSPEND RULES

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby provide notice that I intend to move to suspend the operation of rule XXV, paragraph (n)(1) to permit the Committee on Rules and Administration to consider the following motion with respect to the message to accompany S. 1383:

Motion to refer with instructions: That the Message to accompany S. 1383 be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instruction that the Committee review the compliance of the Department of Justice with the requirements of P.L. 119-38, the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 4097. A bill to establish that a State-based education loan program is excluded from certain requirements relating to a preferred lender arrangement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. KIM):

S. 4098. A bill to establish standards and guidelines to make open Government data assets artificial intelligence-ready, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 4099. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that Federal employees are fully informed of their whistleblower rights; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4100. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify whistleblower protections for duty speech disclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 4101. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grocery, farm, and food worker stabilization grant program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KIM, Mr. COONS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 4102. A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 4103. A bill to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 4104. A bill to direct the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics to establish a database with respect to corporate offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. Res. 643. A resolution designating March 12, 2026, as "Detransition Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BANKS):

S. Res. 644. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Coach Louis Leo "Lou" Holtz; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 142

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters in recognition of their strength, resiliency, sacrifice, and service to protect the forests, grasslands, and communities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 437

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 437, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to permit leave to care for a domestic partner, parent-in-law, or adult child, or another related individual, who has a serious health condition, and to allow employees to take, as additional leave, parental involvement and family wellness leave to participate in or attend their children's and grand children's educational and extracurricular activities or meet family care needs.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to transfer the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges of the United States Agency for International Development relating to implementing and administering the Food for Peace Act to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 567, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to permanently extend the exemption from the engine compartment portion of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills testing requirement for school bus drivers, and for other purposes.

S. 3133

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3133, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to update the juvenile transfer for criminal prosecution process, and for other purposes.

S. 3597

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3597, a bill to reauthorize the National Quantum Initiative Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3965

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3965, a bill to require the establishment and use of short form applications for rural communities applying for economic development grant programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 4103. A bill to improve the health and resiliency of giant sequoias, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to reintroduce the bipartisan and bicameral Save Our Sequoias Act. This bill would enhance interagency coordination, accelerate forest restoration efforts, and provide important resources to land managers to guard, sequoia trees from further destruction.

Specifically this legislation, would, one, codify the Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition; two, require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to work with the coalition and other relevant stakeholders to develop and implement a strategy to enhance the reforestation and rehabilitation of giant sequoia groves; three, provide congressional support for the use of existing emergency authorities to expedite sequoia wildfire resiliency projects; four, allow the Forest Service and National Park Service to partner with States, Tribes, local governments, or private entities to conduct resiliency projects in and around giant sequoia groves; and five, establish a philanthropic fund through the National Park Foundation to promote the resiliency of giant sequoias.

Giant sequoias, the world's largest trees, are found in roughly 70 groves across 37,000 acres in California. Over the last century, giant sequoia groves have experienced a dangerous buildup of fuels, which, in combination with increasingly intense wildfires, has caused unparalleled destruction. In the last 2 years alone, there has been a nearly 20 percent loss of these iconic trees.

For millennia, giant sequoia trees have been a hallmark of California's rich natural heritage. We must work collaboratively to protect these California icons from the threat of climate change and make sure they are preserved for generations to come.

I want to thank the late Senator Feinstein for leading this effort during her time in the Senate. As a public lands champion and lover of California's natural landscape, she understood the need to protect our environment, and I am honored to continue this vital work.

I also went to thank my colleague and friend Senator CURTIS for co-leading this effort with me in the Senate. Finally, I want to thank my California colleagues Representatives FONG and PETERS, for leading this legislation in the House. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance the Save Our Sequoias Act as quickly as possible.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 4104. A bill to direct the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics to establish a database with respect to corporate offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.