

operations have been successful in advancing this goal and that Iran has now agreed to a cease-fire as this administration continues to negotiate a broader peace agreement.

This success sends a clear signal: The United States will act when its security is at stake, and we will do so with strength and with resolve. The progress made so far underscores both the capability of our military and the importance of sustained leadership by President Trump as our Commander in Chief. I stand firmly behind our servicemembers and remain committed to ensuring that Iran never poses a nuclear threat to the United States.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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 majority leader is recognized.

#### SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, we spent the weeks before Easter debating the SAVE America Act here in the Senate. And since the debate began, we have seen Democrats contort themselves every which way to justify opposing the commonsense policies in this bill.

On no issue is that more evident than voter ID. Polls show that 80 percent of Americans support voter ID. Majorities of Americans in both parties support this commonsense requirement, but among Democrats here in the Senate, it is a different story.

Sure, Democrats have spent the last few weeks claiming that they support voter ID, but when it came time to vote on a reasonable, stand-alone voter ID proposal, every Democrat opposed it.

That is right. Senate Democrats have been trying to rebrand themselves as supporters of voter ID, but when Republicans offered a straightforward voter ID proposal, every single Democrat in the Senate voted against it.

I want to be clear about what Republicans put forward and what Democrats opposed. Senator HUSTED—someone who knows quite a bit about administering elections as the former two-term chief election official in the State of Ohio—offered a very simple voter ID amendment. The only—only—thing it did requires a photo ID at the polls: A driver's license, Tribal ID, military ID, veteran ID, passport, the types of IDs that are sitting in wallets right now and that the American people use on a regular basis. That is it.

Supporting this amendment would not have obliged Democrats to support the underlying SAVE America Act. Democrats would have been free to vote for voter ID and then vote against the other commonsense policies in the SAVE America Act.

But Democrats couldn't bring themselves to vote even for stand-alone voter ID legislation. And it turns out that when Democrats say they support voter ID, they don't mean actual IDs.

When Republicans—and Americans, I would argue—talk about ID, we all mean the same thing: something with a picture, an expiration date, something issued by a government.

And to hear Democrats talk in the lead-up to the voter ID vote, you would have thought that is exactly what they were talking about too.

The senior Senator from New Jersey went on CNN and said:

[W]e all want people who go to vote, to show a valid ID.

The Democrat whip said:

I'm not opposed to that. They ask you for an ID at the airport, don't they? That's reasonable.

Yes, it is reasonable.

The junior Democrat from New York said this:

The IDs that we have in our wallets should be good enough to vote.

Well, that is exactly what we offered: licenses, State ID cards, Tribal IDs were all acceptable forms of ID in our proposal, the same kinds of IDs that we have in our wallets right now.

Multiple Democrat Senators even acknowledged that their own States have voter ID requirements and that they work.

The junior Senator from Georgia came to the floor and said this:

I think you should have to prove that you are who you say you are before you vote. I support voter ID. We have voter ID laws in my State. You should have to prove that you are who you say you are before you vote.

I couldn't have said it better myself. And the Democrat leader said:

[O]ur objection, as Democrats, is not to a photo ID.

Except as Democrats' recent vote demonstrates, that is not actually true. Before the vote, the Democrat leader spoke on the floor and made it clear that when he says he supports voter ID, he means that he supports voter ID as long as the ID requirements in question are essentially meaningless. And he is not the only one.

To quote a recent news story, the junior Senator from Colorado said he "supports voter ID but signaled he will vote no when informed that the bill does not allow voters to use a utility bill to prove identity."

He voted no because you can't show a utility bill as a form of ID. You can't make this stuff up.

The Senator from Colorado used to own a brewery in Denver, and I have to wonder whether you could show a utility bill to buy a beer there. I doubt it.

But this is what Democrats think is good enough for our elections. The Democrat leader has said that voter ID requirements need to be "inclusive" and "flexible," and he referenced a bill Democrats put forward a few years ago that included the sort of ID requirements that he says Democrats support.

Well, let me read a few of the so-called IDs that that bill would have found acceptable for voters: a debit card, a utility bill, an expired fishing license, any document containing an individual's name—just their name—from any government, and of course, a photocopy of any of those would have been fine too.

If this ID list were any more inclusive, my Jones County High School basketball jersey would have counted.

In any other circumstance, requiring an ID means requiring an actual—actual—ID. You can't board a plane by showing a photocopy of your debit card. You can't do an early pickup at your daughter's school by showing a copy of your electric bill.

Republicans believe that we should apply the same standard to voting. The American people are presenting their photo IDs on a regular basis and having a pretty easy go of it. We don't think it is too much to ask for the same when they go to vote.

Ask anyone on the street for their ID, chances are they are going to pull out their driver's license, not their water bill. The American people know what an ID is. I guess we are still waiting for Democrats here in the Senate to figure it out.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill 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.

#### IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, just days ago, Donald Trump declared his war in Iran a "total and complete victory. 100 percent. No question about it."

Again, Donald Trump saying about his war:

A total and complete victory. 100 percent. No question about it.

But for the American people, for our troops, for our allies, for our economy, there is nothing but questions about it. In fact, to a majority of Americans, it is a total disaster.

In just about every way, things are worse today than they were before Trump started his war of choice.

The Strait of Hormuz? Worse, closed and unstable. The Iranian regime? Worse, more entrenched and more radical.

Gas prices? Worse, over \$4 a gallon.

Iran's nuclear ambitions? Worse. They are still intact.

And America's standing in the world? Worse, as the Europeans and our Asian and Middle Eastern allies and so many others are very exasperated with Donald Trump and this country right now.

So Strait of Hormuz? Worse. Iranian regime change? Worse. Gas prices?

Worse. Iran's nuclear ambitions? Worse. American credibility? Worse.

Everything—everything—has been made worse by Donald Trump's war of choice. Donald Trump promised "total and complete victory." Instead, he delivered total and complete chaos. That is not victory; that is failure.

Donald Trump hasn't even clearly articulated what victory would look like, let alone achieved it. Instead, he has lurched from one reckless idea to the next, with no strategy, no endgame, no coalition of allies, and the consequences, unfortunately, are piling up.

Russia's oil revenues are surging, buoyed by Donald Trump's decision to ease pressure and destabilize global markets. An adversary that is fueling the war in Ukraine is now benefiting from this chaos.

And at home, Americans are paying a very high price. Inflation is rising again, driven, in part, by the spike in energy costs. So Americans are paying the price there. Mortgage rates are climbing. Consumer confidence has hit record lows.

Donald Trump is leading our troops into a literal minefield abroad and leading American families into an economic minefield here at home.

So let's call Trump's Iran policy for what it is, not Operation Epic Fury, "Operation Epic Failure." "Operation Epic Failure" is a much more appropriate name for Trump's war of choice.

And 45 days into this war, Congress has been sidelined because our Republican colleagues refuse to take a strong stand against this war and duck it completely because they are afraid of Trump.

No hearings, no oversight—no serious oversight—no accountability, not one. I say to my Republican friends: This is not how democracy conducts a war. That is not what the Constitution allows. So if Republicans refuse to do their job, Senate Democrats will force the issue.

Under the War Powers Act, we will bring a resolution to the floor this week, led by Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a combat veteran who understands the true cost of war far more than Donald Trump ever has.

And we will not stop there. If Republicans block it, we will vote again and again and again, every single week, until "Operation Epic Failure" ends or Congress does its job and authorizes it—which I know it won't, given how bad this war is—because our troops deserve a mission, not a mess. They deserve a strategy, not chaos. And they deserve leaders who understand that sending Americans into harm's way is the most serious decision a nation can make.

Our Republican colleagues face a simple choice: Stand with Americans or stand with Trump's failed war. Stand with our troops or keep them in harm's way without a plan. Stand with the American people or keep asking them to pay more for gas, more for groceries, and more for a war that has made everything worse.

We will keep forcing that choice. We will keep forcing that choice, my Republican colleagues. You won't be able to keep ducking it.

I would like to thank Senator KAINE for his tremendous leadership on this issue. I would like to thank Senator BOOKER and the Members of our caucus for working with me to ensure we have these votes week after week, unrelenting, until Republicans are ready to stand up, listen to the pleas of Americans, and do their job.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. President, now on the Department of Homeland Security and reconciliation, like Trump's disasters abroad, Republicans are ignoring their disasters domestically as well. Instead of ending Trump's disastrous war in Iran and addressing the affordability crisis that is crushing working families across the country, Republicans continue to sow chaos here at home by keeping the Department of Homeland Security in a state of shutdown.

Democrats put forward commonsense, bipartisan reforms to rein in ICE and Border Patrol's lawless activity; reforms, I might add, that most Americans support and that local police departments across the country practice every single day.

To be clear, Republicans could open DHS if they wanted to. We also passed twice a bill that would easily fund all of DHS, aside from ICE and CBP. But, no, House Republicans would rather bog down the Senate in a partisan clown show with their reconciliation proposal. Why? To placate Stephen Miller, an unelected ideologue that has built a career rooted in cruelty.

So let's be clear what Republicans have chosen: not a clean funding bill with commonsense reforms, not bipartisan solutions because they can't support these things. Instead, they fight them because Trump and Stephen Miller force them to be opposed to the commonsense proposals we have made that most Americans support.

The Republicans here in the Senate and the House have chosen chaos. They are dragging the Senate through a painful, arduous, and partisan reconciliation process, not because it is the best path but because they cannot and will not rein in ICE and Border Patrol or stop the violence.

They want less accountability, not more, because Donald Trump and Stephen Miller told them so. That is disgraceful, dysfunctional, and a disservice to the American people. Americans want ICE and Border Patrol reined in. They do not want to see the Senate give ICE and CBP a blank check so that these rogue Agencies can continue to act with impunity, unleashing violence and disorder on our streets.

They do not want to see an extremist like Stephen Miller calling the shots on American immigration policy. Instead of listening to Americans, Republicans in the House and Senate are obeying their orders from Trump and Stephen Miller.

#### SAVE AMERICA ACT

Mr. President, on the SAVE Act and election interference, perhaps it is unsurprising that an administration and a party that are so out of touch with the American electorate and so fearful of a November washout would go to such great lengths to rig the rules in their favor, but that is exactly what Donald Trump and the GOP are doing.

Yesterday, the Brennan Center reported that more than half of local elected officials are concerned that political leaders will interfere in their work.

We all go to the polls. We see these election workers. They are dedicated. It is an act of patriotism when they sit by the polls, count the votes, and administer the election fairly. But Donald Trump and the GOP threaten them. I would be worried, too, based on what we are seeing from Donald Trump's party, if I were an election official.

Apparently, the GOP has given up on trying to win over the electorate by delivering results, so they are instead trying to change the electorate with their SAVE Act. It would kill online, mail, and motor registration, forcing Americans to drive sometime hours to register in person. That is hard and costly in the best of times but especially when gas is \$4 a gallon. It would purge millions of Americans from the voter rolls. It would make it harder for married women to vote. It would reject the most common form of IDs Americans use to register.

The only thing Republicans are trying to save with this legislation is their own skin in the next election. The only thing they are trying to save is their own skin because they know they are going down in defeat electorally.

If the GOP spent the same time and energy trying to deliver for working families as it does trying to rig the rules, maybe Republicans would have a chance. But that is not what they are doing, and we are going to do everything we can to stop this evil act from ever becoming law.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

#### WAIVING QUORUM CALL

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

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

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to tell you, to tell the body, and to tell the country that Republicans are going to fully fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as Border Patrol, and we are going to do it through the end of President Trump's term in the White House, all the way through—not just to the end of this year, this fiscal year, the calendar year—all the way to the end of the time that President Trump