

Williams contended, without evidence, that Federal judges ruling against President Trump were setting Trump up.

This man who dismissed Mr. Reffitt as a threat on January 6 wants to represent the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Justice, in the State of Alabama. He has no place doing that. And for the Senate to vote for confirmation of this nomination on Police Week is, to my mind, a travesty.

He is not the only one in this group. I want to note one or two others. Darin Smith of Wyoming. Darin Smith, again, is seeking to become a U.S. attorney representing the Department of Justice in the State of Wyoming.

Mr. Smith was present at the U.S. Capitol on January 6—though he claimed he didn't enter any buildings. Regarding the insurrection, Smith contended that rioters were entrapped and that the U.S. Capitol Police were guilty of massive incompetence.

Mr. President, 140 of the U.S. Capitol Police who defended my life and the life of everyone in the Capitol on that day were injured. Two or three died as a consequence of that experience. And for him to argue that they were guilty of massive incompetence is an embarrassing statement. It is a slap in the face to the Capitol Police who risked their lives for me and for other Members.

Mr. Smith baselessly claimed FBI agents who interviewed him regarding his presence at the Capitol were sent there by Representative Liz Cheney "and her goons." Afterward, he demanded that she should be censored by the Wyoming Republican Party.

How do these people proceed through the ranks of the Trump administration to be given such positions of importance when they are so dismissive of the efforts by that mob to first injure the policemen who were doing their duty here in the Capitol and then to disrupt the proceedings that the Vice President was presiding over? The list goes on.

(Mr. McCORMICK assumed the Chair.)

It has been the case ever since Trump has been reelected that when it comes to many judges and many U.S. attorneys, dismissing January 6 as just tourists out of control is acceptable by the Trump administration. Well, it is not acceptable. As someone who lived it, who witnessed it, saw it firsthand, that they are dismissing this operation on that day as simply some political statement is unfair.

Don't salute the police and ignore the obvious. The police were under attack on that day, and to dismiss that is to dismiss the obvious.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, so now we are going to consider a reconciliation bill to spend tens of billions of dollars for ICE and CBP. We all know the story of ICE. We saw it on the

streets of Chicago, Minneapolis, and many other places.

Do you know what is interesting? As I was walking through the airport and all of these policemen were coming in for Police Week this week in Washington—wearing their formal uniforms, smart looking as they were—I didn't see a single one of them with a mask on their face. Yet ICE continues to argue it is the only police force in America that should be masked and the American people shouldn't be able to identify who these ICE agents are. I think that is reprehensible. We are trying to change it, and the Republicans are resisting it. I don't know why.

Let me say also that there is no reference in this budget reconciliation package to language that would rein in lawless immigration agents who are terrorizing communities like Chicago and Minneapolis while carrying out the President's mass deportation campaign.

Just this last week, we had a press conference in Chicago to talk about those who are here in the United States under DACA. DACA is a product of the DREAM Act, which I introduced 22 years ago—a provision in the law which we need to enact which says that if you are here in the United States, brought into the country as a child, that you ought to have an opportunity to earn your way to citizenship.

These young men and women grew up in America, pledged allegiance to that flag in their classroom every single day, and believed they were part of America's future, only to learn when they had become teenagers that their parents brought them in and didn't file the appropriate papers, so now they are subject to deportation.

The DREAM Act addressed that issue, and I called on President Obama and asked him to use his Executive powers to give these Dreamers a chance. He created a program called DACA.

Under the DACA Program, if you were one of the Dreamers, every 2 years, you are to be registering with the government and paying a \$600 fee and going through a criminal background check so that you can continue to work in the United States and not be deported.

So what happened 2 weeks ago? The bureau of immigration came out with a ruling that DACA no longer protected these individuals. How many were affected? Originally, 800,000-plus; today, somewhere in the range of 500,000. They run the very real risk now that if they try to sign up again for DACA, as they are entitled to under President Obama's Executive order, they could be arrested and deported. For more and more of them, that is happening as the weeks go by, and we held a press conference in Chicago to talk about that.

That is ICE at work. That is CBP at work. And unfortunately, these young people, who have no criminal background—they have gone through criminal background checks and are showing

up, as required, to pay their fee every 2 years so they can work legally in the United States—are subject to deportation.

There is also a provision in this bill—hard to believe—of \$1 billion for President Trump's White House ballroom—a billion-dollar ballroom—the same ballroom that he promised the American people wouldn't cost them a penny. He was going to go to his buddies, as he always does, and they were going to come up with the money, and the American people wouldn't have to pay anything. Guess what. The budget reconciliation bill presented by Republicans in the Senate this week requires \$1 billion for this "Great Gatsby" ballroom that the President wants to see. I think that is a horrendous waste of time and money, and it did not go through the appropriate channels.

The President just plowed down the East Wing of the White House, and it sits there as a gaping hole waiting to be filled. It was going to be his billionaire buddies to fill it; now, it is the American taxpayers—\$1 billion. I distinctly recall the President saying that the taxpayers would not have to pay for this.

Add it to that endless list of broken promises—the President ending the Ukrainian war on his first day in office and a long list of contradictions when it comes to the war with Iran. Depending on the day of the week, we are either proceeding with a war or ending a war, wiping them off the face of the Earth or sitting down and negotiating. It is impossible to follow what his strategy might be, and that is just more of the same when it comes to this President.

Mr. President, when it comes to the DACA children, who are now adults, we have to accept the obvious. We made a promise to them—many of us did—which can't be kept under this President.

I remember that day when DACA became official and people could sign up for it. Congressman Luis Guterierrez and I held a meeting at Navy Pier in Chicago, expecting perhaps 800 people to show up. The number was way in excess of 10,000. Some of them waited all night to bring their children in to sign up for this.

There was an initial hesitation by many. They argued: If we identify ourselves to the government under Obama, who is to say that government won't turn on us, arrest us, and deport us?

We gave them our word that we would stand by the promise that we would not use this information they were filing with the government against them in the future. That promise was kept through President Obama, through President Biden, but it hasn't been kept by this administration. Those who are protected by DACA today run the risk—when they go to the Federal Government to sign up and renew their DACA protection—of being detained and deported. We did not keep our promise to these young people, and I feel very badly about that.

Let me also say that we are going to have a hearing this week, a spotlight hearing by Democrats, to have these DACA recipients come before us and explain what has happened to their lives. It is heartbreaking. They deserve a chance to be part of America's future. They are doctors, teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, policemen, military. They are part of America and its future. To blame them as being the worst of the worst and they should be deported is grossly unfair.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHMITT). The Senator from Ohio.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to Executive Calendar No. 728, Kevin Warsh.

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

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, I come today to the floor for a moment of reflection and remembrance of four courageous law enforcement officers in Ohio that we lost in 2025.

As those in this Chamber and across our Nation may know, it is National Police Week, a dedicated time to honor the service and sacrifice of these heroes who protect us every day.

The four officers I am highlighting today lost their lives in the line of duty in 2025. Each of them will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall to honor their lives and dedication to protecting and serving.

HONORING DEPUTY LARRY HENDERSON

I want to start with Deputy Larry Henderson. I remember this incident vividly. Deputy Henderson of Hamilton County was 57 years old. He and his wife have five grown children, and he was also a foster father of two infants.

After 4 years in the Marine Corps, he spent 33 years with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, holding many of the most dangerous jobs in both endeavors.

Deputy Henderson died on May 2, 2025, after being run down by a motorist while working a special detail for the University of Cincinnati's graduation.

Deputy Henderson served his country and his community until his final day, and we remain forever grateful.

HONORING OFFICER PHILLIP WAGNER

Officer Phillip Wagner. Officer Wagner had served with the Lorain Police Department for 4 years and previously with the Sheffield Village Police Department, also for 4 years. He was a 35-year old combat veteran of the Marine Corps and served two tours of duty—including one in Afghanistan.

Officer Wagner was described as a fierce protector—of his family first and foremost but also of his country and his community.

Officer Wagner loved God. He was a faith-filled man and was increasingly finding "peace and rest through his relationship with Jesus," according to his pastor.

He died on July 24, 2025, the day after he and another patrolman were ambushed—they were ambushed—by a gunman as they ate their lunch in their cruisers. It is a truly tragic event for that community and for his family. His wife, three children, and entire family remain in our prayers.

We are forever grateful for the service of Officer Wagner.

HONORING DEPUTY D. "WESTON" SHERRER

Deputy D. "Weston" Sherrer was 31 years old and had marked his fourth year with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

As early as the first grade, Deputy Sherrer declared in a class assignment that his dream was to become a policeman. He said "I want to catch villains, and I'm willing to risk my life for the people of the United States" as a first grader, and that is exactly what he did.

Deputy Sherrer had not only the desire to work in law enforcement but also the courage and temperament. His ability to connect with people fueled his successful career in law enforcement.

Deputy Sherrer was fatally shot on Memorial Day last year during a domestic violence call in Morrow County.

He will be remembered. He will be remembered, and we thank him for his service and his sacrifice to his country now and forever.

HONORING TROOPER NICHOLAS CAYTON

Trooper Nicholas Cayton was 40 years old, married to his high school sweetheart, and father of two children. Trooper Cayton was described as a devoted family man and true public servant.

He was a 13-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol team—a team that I know well—and he served for 7 years in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Trooper Cayton was killed on October 16, 2025, when his cruiser was struck by a truck while he was helping a driver of a disabled tractor-trailer.

His childhood friend stated that "he had such a knack for making people feel welcome." This quality, as well as his charisma, intelligence, and quick wit, served him well throughout his life and his career.

We will continue to mourn his loss and pray for all of those who loved him.

What you see in the lives of all of these officers whom we lost was their love for their family, for their community, and for their country. These heroes gave their lives for their communities and neighbors.

I thank my colleagues for hearing these stories of these Ohioans, these Ohio stories of those who served us, and I thank you all for honoring their service and celebrating their lives.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of S. Res. 690, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

An executive resolution (S. Res. 690) authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

VOTE ON S. RES. 690

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SCHMITT. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 114 Ex.]

YEAS—46

Armstrong	Ernst	Moran
Banks	Fischer	Moreno
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blackburn	Grassley	Rounds
Boozman	Hawley	Schmitt
Britt	Hoeben	Scott (FL)
Budd	Husted	Scott (SC)
Capito	Johnson	Sheehy
Cassidy	Justice	Sullivan
Collins	Kennedy	Thune
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Cramer	Lummis	Wicker
Crapo	Marshall	Young
Cruz	McConnell	
Daines	McCormick	

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Cantwell	Fetterman
Baldwin	Coons	Gallego
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Gillibrand
Blunt	Rochester	Hassan
Booker	Durbin	Heinrich