

As we honor the service and sacrifice of our Nation's law enforcement officers, we also need to honor their families because their families also serve. They say goodbye in the morning to a husband or wife, a mom or a dad, son or a daughter, with the knowledge always at the back of their minds that their loved one may not come home at the end of the day. And every year, for some law enforcement families, that fear comes true, and this week and every week, we should remember them.

This Police Week, I want to say a special thank-you to South Dakota law enforcement officers—police officers, sheriff's deputies, State troopers, Tribal police, and the Federal officers who serve our State.

I am grateful for all you do to keep South Dakotans safe.

I also want to thank the officers of the Capitol Police, who stand guard in this building every hour of every day.

We are able to work in safety because of your efforts.

Mr. President, we live in a fallen world, and there will always be men and women out there with evil intent. We are blessed to have so many heroic men and women willing to put their lives on the line to protect us.

To all of our Nation's law enforcement officers, today and every day, thank you.

May God bless and protect you as you go about your work.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be rescinded.

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

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#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

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#### ECONOMY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, well, every day, Americans see headlines about rising prices.

Just this week, The Economist said: "America faces another grocery-price shock."

CNN: "America is in for yet another long spell of price pain."

PBS News: "Iran war hits home as gasoline prices fuel significant U.S. inflation jump."

Trump will surely try to brush aside these reports of higher costs as "fake news," but Americans don't need to see the headlines to know we are in an affordability crisis. Americans feel the crushing weight of higher costs caused by Trump's disastrous war and failed economic policies every time they

walk through the grocery aisle and step up to the gas pump.

What Americans do not see is any sympathy, any support, or any plan from Trump and congressional Republicans to lower costs. In fact, they see the opposite.

The other day, Trump said:

I don't think about Americans' financial situation. I don't think about [anyone].

Trump's clueless comments make my blood boil. "I don't think about [anyone]?" They make Americans' blood boil. Americans can't understand how a President can be so cold, so callous, and so proud of it.

Donald Trump doesn't think about how every time Americans go to the pump, they are paying over \$4.50 for a gallon of gasoline—up more than \$1.50 since Trump started this war.

Donald Trump doesn't think about how a family's weekly trip to the grocery store got even more expensive, with food prices going up in April more than in any month in the past 4 years.

Trump certainly doesn't think about how wholesale inflation just hit 6 percent—the highest it has been in nearly 4 years.

Donald Trump doesn't think about you, America.

Trump is really wrong when he says he doesn't think about anyone. He thinks about himself and only himself, as his past comments have shown.

Donald Trump thinks about how badly he wants the American people to bankroll his \$1 billion ballroom. If "ballroom Republicans" won't think about the economic suffering of the American people, then they had better start thinking long and hard about their own political futures.

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#### CHINA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on China, we are just a day into Trump's trip to China, and he hasn't done anything to ease concerns that he might sell out America. He arrived with a posse of billionaires in tow, including his own son, who oversees the family business.

This kind of stuff is just incredible.

So much for fighting against how China is hurting American workers and poisoning our communities with fentanyl. That would get in the way of Donald Trump and his family profiting off of doing business with the Chinese Communist Party—just hours in, and Xi Jinping has already threatened to "collide or even clash" with the United States if we continue our support for Taiwan. Trump, apparently, didn't say anything in response. He was just mute.

For the sake of democracy and the stability of the global economy, Trump must not sell out Taiwan.

Trump must also safeguard the interests of American workers, families, and businesses.

Trump is continuing to roll forward on selling AI chips to Chinese companies that are linked to the Chinese

military. Giving China access to this premiere American technology—something we developed with our know-how, our entrepreneurship, our ingenuity—and just giving it away to China? That is dangerous and threatens the United States' lead in the AI race that is going to shape the global economy for decades.

And chips aren't the only way Trump is selling out America. Trump is undermining American autoworkers by letting Chinese vehicles flood the market, and that is something he is very much considering.

Communities across this country continue to suffer as Trump fails to secure real meaningful action from Xi to stem the tide of fentanyl that is flowing into our country from China.

If Xi outnegotiates Trump—and that has happened almost every time he has negotiated with him in the past—it will undercut American manufacturers and workers who have long been hurt by the CCP's predatory trade practices.

When Trump does these negotiations, the only thing he is looking for is a headline so he can see himself on the front page of the newspaper. He doesn't think of what will happen a day after, and it hurts America every time.

If Xi outnegotiates Trump and if America emerges from these negotiations weaker than it was before, there will be only one person to blame: Donald Trump.

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#### IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on Iran, every day the costs of Trump's disastrous handling of his illegal war with Iran mount up. The most dire cost is human: 13 American servicemembers killed, nearly 400 wounded. They served with valor. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to them, their families, and their brothers and sisters in arms who remain in harm's way.

But that is not the only way the war has cost us, as bad as that is. Trump's war has cost the American taxpayer at least—at least—\$29 billion—billion dollars. The war with Iran has cost American families financially, causing inflation to spiral out of control, gas prices to skyrocket, grocery costs to climb.

Trump's reckless war has also cost America strategically. Hundreds of installations in the region have been damaged. America's reputation on the world stage has been further tarnished. American munitions stockpiles are shrinking at a time when we need them to deter other aggressors around the world.

All for what? What is his goal here? He hasn't achieved any of them.

Americans have paid dearly for Trump's blunder in Iran in exchange for little or no gain. The American people may not be benefitting from Trump's war, but our competitors, our rivals across the globe, certainly are. Vladimir Putin couldn't be happier with the Iran war, as Russia rakes in record profits from its energy exports,

and the Americans use up munitions that could go to Ukraine.

As Trump drags America's reputation through the mud, China now presents itself as a source of stability and reason on the world stage. According to press reports, the Chinese have planned secret arms sales to Iran and now look to Taiwan with greater eagerness, since America has devoted so many of our military resources to Iran.

If we want to make sure America stays on top, we need to end Trump's illegal war as soon as possible.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SHOOTING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, on the shooting anniversary of 4 years in Buffalo, before I close today, I want to say that my heart is with Buffalo as we mark 4 years since the horrific, mass racist shootings that took place at Tops supermarket in 2022. In an instant, 10 beautiful, innocent lives were cut short, and 3 were wounded. They were grandparents and sons and daughters, mothers, fathers, friends, people who deeply loved their community and whose absence we feel every single day.

But in the face of hatred and tragedy, Buffalo lived up to its reputation as the city of good neighbors. The families of the victims and the whole community pushed Congress to come together in a way it hadn't for decades, beating back the dark forces of the NRA and passing the first major gun safety bill in more than a quarter century.

I worked hand in hand with the families of those we lost in Buffalo to pass the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, and their work has undoubtedly saved many lives. We owe it to the victims to not just remember their names but to build a future where no community has to endure the kind of tragedy that Buffalo did back then in 2022.

So may God bless the families and all of Buffalo as we remember those we lost 4 years ago today: Ruth Whitfield; Roberta Drury; Aaron Salter, Jr.; Heyward Patterson; Pearl Young; Geraldine Talley; Celestine Chaney; Kat Massey; Margus Morrison; and Andre Mackneil.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority whip.

#### WYOMING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to say that the people of Wyoming asked of Washington, DC, one simple thing, and that is: Let us do what we do best. Let us power the country, and let us feed the country. We have done it for generations, and we will continue to do it for generations to come.

The American people want affordable energy. They want energy that they can use, that is available to them, and that is reliable. Wyoming is America's

energy breadbasket. We produce 12 times more energy than we consume.

Congress is currently discussing new mandates, mandates that would force more and more ethanol into our fuel tanks. The House voted on it just last night. I oppose a year-round E15 mandate. That is what is currently under debate. I oppose it because it hurts small refineries and all of the people around the country who work in these small refineries.

In Wyoming, we have several small refineries. They employ thousands of hard-working people. The refineries receive hardship exemptions for something called the renewable fuel standard mandate. Oh, it is a mandate. They depend on these exemptions to survive—"they" being the refineries and the people who work for them. Small refineries already face higher costs under Federal renewable fuel rules.

Without additional relief, the new mandate will likely raise gas prices for consumers all across the country by up to 35 cents a gallon.

Small refineries have been ignored so far in the current E15 debate. It is time for their voices to be heard.

Affordable, available, reliable American energy never comes from a one-size-fits-all government mandate. It comes from regulatory certainty, from permitting reform, and it comes from people who are working hard every day, like our Wyoming energy workers.

My message is simple: Let Wyoming do what Wyoming does best.

Now, the same principle applies to our ranchers. Americans want U.S. beef on their tables. Wyoming ranchers produce the very best beef in the world. Wyoming beef is safe. It is the highest quality.

And, Mr. President, your home State of Montana is known for equal high quality and hard workers.

It is our State's No. 1 cash crop, and I am sure it is a high cash crop in Montana as well.

Wyoming ranchers care for the land. We support our communities. We are great stewards of the land. Ranching is part of Wyoming's rich history and rich heritage. It is also part of our bright future.

Our ranchers do not ask for special treatment. They simply want a fair marketplace. They should not have to compete unfairly against foreign beef. It is Washington's job to ensure that there is a fair playing field.

The Trump administration recently unveiled a voluntary label program that is called "Product of the U.S.A." It means Americans can trust what they are buying.

Just this week, the administration rolled back the Biden administration's disastrous public lands rule. In Wyoming, nearly half of our land is owned by the Federal Government. The Federal Government is our largest landlord. Federal law has long recognized the value of land that has multiple uses. It is called multiple use. It is in the law. And one of the uses includes grazing.

But the Biden rule changed multiple use into no use. They described no use as one of the multiple uses. We don't think of it that way and never have. This was designed by the Biden administration to shut down Federal grazing across the West. It was an attack on the Wyoming way of life, and I aggressively fought back against Biden's punishing regulations right here in the Senate.

And I am glad to see the Trump administration overturn it. Our ranchers will now be able to expand their operations and produce more high-quality Wyoming beef.

Now I am going to continue to fight for policies that expand American beef production. It needs to be easier, not harder, for Wyoming ranchers to feed America. Let Wyoming do what Wyoming does best.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, on a separate matter, this week is Police Week. We honor the brave officers all across the country who continue to serve and truly remember those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Yesterday, I met with law enforcement officers from Wyoming here in the Capitol. There was a ranger from the Bureau of Land Management. She is from Buffalo, WY. There were also two police officers from Sheridan, WY, part of the same police department that lost Sergeant Nevada Krinkee, nearly 2 years ago. And they are in Washington, DC, this week to honor Sergeant Krinkee. It was an honor to thank these heroes for keeping our community safe.

Every year the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial adds names of fallen officers to its memorial wall. It does this for officers who died in the line of duty in the previous year. It also adds the names of fallen officers from earlier years who, through extensive research, were recently uncovered. It enlists their new names onto the memorial wall as well.

This comprehensive rollcall of heroes serves as a living memorial to all of the fallen officers in the history of our Nation. This year, the names of 363 new fallen officers were added. It is a high number.

One of the officers is someone who died in the past but research has disclosed should have been named, and that is Marshal Daniel Hansen of the Cokeville Police Department in Wyoming.

Cokeville is a small town along the western border of our State. Marshal Hansen wore the badge over a century ago. In a wild land, at the time, dotted by small frontier towns, the difference between civilization and lawlessness was a very thin blue line. On June 21, 1912, the wife of a local businessowner found a blackmail letter. It was signed by notorious outlaws. The note demanded \$1,500, which was a fortune at that time. It also threatened to kill her and her family if police were warned.