

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.

Although any backup was dozens of miles away, Marshal Hansen rode out to investigate. As he did his job, he was shot dead. It is believed that the murder of the marshal had been targeted.

More than a century has passed since Marshal Hansen died in the line of duty. Yet his legacy of service, selflessness, and sacrifice lives on.

Today, Wyoming officers proudly protect and serve across our State. Officers work double shifts. They answer emergency calls. They stay late into the night. And they do all of this to keep their community safe.

And I am always going to support the men and women of law enforcement without apology.

Today, Republicans are putting money back into the pockets of law enforcement. Republicans passed the Working Families Tax Cuts law. That new law includes no taxes on overtime. For Wyoming officers, no taxes on overtime—it is not just extra; it is essential.

The average tax deduction for no taxes on overtime this year is more than \$3,100.

Republicans are again delivering safer streets. The Working Families Tax Cut law invests in local law enforcement. It helps officers fight violent crime. This year, violent crime is falling across the board. Murders, robberies, rapes, aggravated assaults are all down compared to last year. Clearly, supporting law enforcement makes our communities safer.

By contrast, Democrats in Congress continue to want to defund the police. Democrats have left Immigration and Border Patrol officers unfunded since January. Tellingly, the Democrat leader recently said on this floor that ICE and Border Patrol, he said, are two groups nobody respects. Radical Democrats continue to disrespect, to demonize, and to defund the men and women who keep us safe.

Republicans are going to ensure ICE and Border Patrol are fully funded, and we are going to continue to stand up for the men and women who keep all of our communities safe.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority whip.

#### NOMINATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, later today, the Senate will move 1 step closer to confirming 50 Executive nominees without the consent or agreement of the Senate Democrats.

Last year, Senate Republicans made a change in the Senate's rules that has fundamentally undermined Senators' ability to fulfill our constitutional duty of advice and consent. They gave away this body's authority in order to appease the White House.

Now, I have been in the Senate long enough to remember a time when this was not even a major issue. It was rare that people would question a nomination.

They would usually threaten to but not reach a floor vote. That has changed dramatically.

U.S. attorneys—let me use that as an example. Under President Trump's first term, virtually every U.S. attorney of the 94 vacancies was filled by voice vote—no record vote necessary. There was maybe one exception in that period, but virtually all of them were by voice vote.

Then came President Biden and a decision by the man who is now Vice President of the United States to force a vote on every single U.S. attorney. It was Vice President Vance who insisted on that, and I came to the floor repeatedly, saying: Why are you doing this? We have done this on a bipartisan basis up until now.

He said: We want to vote on every one of them.

Well, he got his way, and we stopped filling the vacancies of U.S. attorneys under President Biden. Now, under President Trump's second term, we are having individual votes on each one. I don't believe it should ever have reached that point, but it has, and I just described to you how it reached that point. Still, we have this situation where there are objections and demands for votes time and time and time again. We waste too much time on that.

Now, some of these nominees are controversial, and they would have separate votes, but that is rare. By and large, we can have agreement if we do it on a bipartisan basis. Unfortunately, this kind of voting we are going to have today basically says that we are throwing in the towel, that we are not even going to try to make this a bipartisan process, and I am sorry for that.

I warned that this new Republican precedent would open the door to jamming through extreme nominees whose only qualification is loyalty to the President.

U.S. attorneys are the top Federal prosecutors in 94 districts across the country. We rely on them to be above politics, fairminded prosecutors who protect victims and hold bad actors accountable. They should not be instruments of political retribution ever. But, as I feared, several U.S. attorney nominees in this en bloc package are extreme and, I am afraid to say, unqualified.

Last year, President Trump nominated people like Ed Martin, Alina Habba, Lindsey Halligan, and others who are not qualified for the post but committed to carrying out his retribution campaign against President Trump's political enemies.

As an interim U.S. attorney, Ed Martin led an unprecedented purge of dozens of career prosecutors in the Department of Justice and FBI agents simply because they did their jobs investigating and prosecuting the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

I sit on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and I am embarrassed for the nominees that come before us. They

are so afraid that they are going to say one word or the other that is going to trigger the ire of the President.

When you ask them basic questions—who won the election between Trump and Biden in 2020?—they refuse to answer that question. You could take that question to any eighth grade classroom in my State or Montana—you pick it—and those kids know the answer: President Biden won. Of course he did. He got more votes than President Trump. But these nominees are afraid to say it because President Trump has never acknowledged the obvious. He has been engaged in this Big Lie strategy ever since. And they are afraid that if they cross him by saying the obvious, they are going to invoke his resistance and maybe even lose his support for whatever they are seeking—the nomination.

The same thing is true when you ask about January 6. Mr. President, you weren't here. I was here, and I will tell you exactly what happened. A mob came to the Capitol and started coming into the building, and we were warned in the Senate Chamber that the Vice President of the United States had to leave because of the danger to him personally.

Then they told us: Stay in the Senate Chamber. The mob is going to stay outside.

Ten minutes later, they stood up and said: Forget what we just said. Everybody file out as quickly as possible. They have broken the containment and are moving toward this Chamber.

And off we went to an adjoining building, waiting until the mob subsided.

Over 140 policemen were physically attacked. Two of them died a day or two later. It was a serious moment, and these men and women risked their lives to protect us.

That happened, and it was all captured on videotape. We know what happened. As a result of that, some 1,500 people were arrested for their participation in this mob action, and some of them were actually sentenced to time in prison.

What happened when President Trump was elected? Full, unconditional pardon of every single one of them. Even those that were physically assaulting the policemen in the Capitol were given a full and unconditional pardon by President Trump. That is a fact.

So when we ask these people who want to be lifetime appointments to the Federal bench what happened to the Capitol on January 6, they say: Oh, it was sunny, and there was a little wind outside.

Well, didn't you see the videotapes?

Of course they did, but they are afraid to acknowledge what actually happened for fear that President Trump will turn on them.

The latest is, when we ask them about the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, which says that a President can only serve two terms—we ask them