

I am incredibly proud of that decision, and I want to thank Fernando Mendoza for making that decision. I can't wait to go to Bloomington to see it.

In his Heisman Trophy speech, Fernando mentioned how his family has always stood by his side throughout his career and that they have never stopped believing in him. Fernando particularly thanked his mother Elsa.

He said:

This is your trophy as much as it is mine.

Elsa suffers from multiple sclerosis, a tough and often painful disease. In honor of his mother, Fernando has raised over \$100,000 to fight MS. What an incredible act of kindness, and what a special way to honor his mother.

In that Heisman Trophy acceptance speech, after thanking his teammates, his family, and Coach Cignetti, Fernando addressed the young people who might be tuning in.

He said:

I want every kid out there who feels overlooked and underestimated to know I was you. I was that kid too. I was in your shoes. The truth is, you don't need the most stars, hype, or rankings. You just need discipline, heart, and people who believe in you, and you need to believe in your own abilities.

Our young people need role models today more than ever, and they need role models like Fernando Mendoza. He shows them that faith matters, that family comes first, and that hard work pays off. He is proof that you can be a champion on the field and still be humble, that you can be competitive and still put God first, that success means nothing if you are not using it to help others. Fernando Mendoza is the kind of young man that I want my three daughters to look up to and other kids of their generation to look up to too. Indiana is lucky to have him. We are proud to have him, and America is better because of him.

I don't know how this story ends at the semifinal game in Atlanta on Friday that I am looking forward to attending and at the championship game in Miami the following week. I can't wait to cheer on the Hoosiers. I don't know how this great story ends. The Hoosiers have a possibility to be the first team ever to win 16 games and go undefeated, but I can't tell you how much pride the great State of Indiana has in this football team wearing the "Indiana" on their uniform. They represent us so well. The Hoosier State is proud, and I wanted to take a moment to come to the floor and just simply say, "Go Hoosiers."

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Well played, Senator. Congratulations.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sara Bailey, of

Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

NOMINATION OF SARA BAILEY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Sara Bailey, nominated to lead the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Ms. Bailey, like so many of President Trump's nominees, was chosen for her loyalty and MAGA bona fides, rather than any policy expertise or leadership experience. Ms. Bailey has spent years fanning flames of division and hatred in this country, attacking immigrants, Members of Congress, and praising dictators who indiscriminately strip the rights of their citizens.

America is experiencing a drug crisis. Illegal narcotics trafficked from other countries and the abuse of prescription opioids have taken the lives of too many people. This great challenge demands an experienced, accomplished leader to serve as drug czar. Past nominees have been law enforcement professionals who have taken down drug smuggling rings, State public health experts, or physicians with a deep understanding of addiction. Ms. Bailey lacks any serious qualifications for this role. She is not a physician or addiction specialist. She has never been a prosecutor or law enforcement official.

To prove her MAGA loyalty to President Trump, she endorsed the President's irresponsible and deadly plans to cut funding to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program, which is on the frontlines of keeping illegal drugs off our streets and out of our country. If she were an expert on addiction, Ms. Bailey would know that kneecapping the Federal Agencies that provide substance abuse and mental health services would have deadly consequences.

With his recent pardon of high-profile drug kingpin and former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez and his nomination of Ms. Bailey, President Trump has proven once again that he prioritizes loyalty and political favors ahead of the safety and well-being of the American people.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to oppose her nomination.

VOTE ON BAILEY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bailey nomination?

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, 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 senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 3 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Budd	Cotton
Barrasso	Capito	Cramer
Blackburn	Cassidy	Crapo
Boozman	Collins	Cruz
Britt	Cornyn	Curtis

Daines	Lankford	Rounds
Ernst	Lee	Schmitt
Fischer	Lummis	Scott (FL)
Graham	Marshall	Scott (SC)
Grassley	McConnell	Sheehy
Hagerty	McCormick	Sullivan
Hawley	Moody	Thune
Hoeven	Moran	Tillis
Husted	Moreno	Tuberville
Hyde-Smith	Mullin	Wicker
Johnson	Murkowski	Young
Justice	Ricketts	
Kennedy	Risch	

NAYS—48

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Reed
Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Coons	Lujan	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gallago	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Paul	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Peters	Wyden

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from North Carolina.

ANNIVERSARY OF JANUARY 6

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, we all know that today is the anniversary of what actually I consider to be one of the worst days in my 11 years in the U.S. Senate. I think it will probably be that through my final year. And I think there are going to be some speeches later on today that may talk on the subject.

I came here mainly to thank the parliamentary staff, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Capitol Police officers who got us all into a safe environment within literally minutes of the Capitol being breached and our safety being threatened here. I am going to come back to that a little bit later.

But I think it is important for anybody who speaks this afternoon to not just talk about the moments of January 6, but let's at least talk about the months leading up to January 6. Let's talk about the "defund the police" effort that was building steam for a couple of years before January 6, 2021. Let's talk about the images on TV when Kenosha—a building was burning. I think it was about August timeframe when the riots were happening. I think it was Kenosha. A building is burning, and I think it was CNN that said: Mostly peaceful protest in Kenosha—but there is a building burning in the background; people have been hospitalized, right?

Let's talk about ActBlue, which is the Democrats' equivalent—we have a fundraising engine too. I am not saying they have something we don't. But they actually allowed Black Lives Matter, in the years leading up to January 6, to raise money on their website for the 13.12-mile race because 1-3-1-2 translates into A-C-A-B, which translates into "all cops are bastards," a

fundraising effort by the Democrats on the very site that my colleagues use to raise money. I have got no problem with that. I used the Republican equivalent. I am a Republican.

But I also think it is important—everybody around here has the clarity of their being in the right and the other side being in the wrong. But if anybody thinks that January 6 was just about what happened on that day, then I would encourage you to do your research and see all of the things that we were saying about law enforcement long before January 6. Right?

It is very important for us to understand: January 6 didn't happen because of a single event or a single set of attitudes on that day. It happened because of an attitude around here that law enforcement is bad; that they risk their life every day, but all cops are bastards, according to the ActBlue website which, to their credit, finally was taken down after I continued to make it an issue for them—long after January 6, by the way, only about 2 years ago. So we had been demonizing police officers.

And then we lead up to January 6, and they breached this building. I have got to tell you, as a Member, the last Member that left this Senate Chamber—because I was standing right there—and so angry that I didn't want to leave and we left. We were spirited away, just about a few blocks away, and we were safe. Actually, within an hour of the Capitol being breached—this part of the Capitol—we were being served a warm meal.

Now, let's back up, though, back to that time. I used to sit right there. I was sitting in that chair when I heard the doors being slammed. I heard—I think it was the Sergeant at Arms saying: Shut the door because we see shadows here. We see people running all around this building. We heard things breaking. We heard people knocking on the door.

And then it happened. We had somebody die on the House side because they tried to jump through an area that was only about from me to the President right here, the Presiding Officer of House Members. Sadly, she lost her life, but she put herself in that situation, like everybody else that breached this building and destroyed this institution of democracy.

So I am here to thank the staff. I remember the staff being so focused on the event that day that they made sure that those ballots were carried with us offsite. They were so focused on the task at hand, they weren't thinking about their personal safety; they were thinking about their role in certifying the election.

Now, we had the Democrats saying that January 6 was a horrible day for democracy and that it was a true threat to democracy.

I would submit to anyone who has paid attention to say it was a wonderful stress test for democracy because what happened is, courageous par-

liamentary staff, Sergeant at Arms staff, police officers, got us off to safety; they stabilized the security of this building; we came back before ever leaving this complex; and we certified the election. That doesn't sound like a weak institution to me; it sounds like an institution that withstood one of the most significant stress tests in the history of this country, and it prevailed. And the reason it prevailed is because of the staff and the law enforcement officers that kept every single one of us safe—not a scratch on any of us.

Now, I would note that some of the first people out of this Chamber—I won't name names—the people being escorted by police happened to be OK or sympathetic with the “defund the police” message. But they were the first ones, when there was a moment of crisis, to look to them to get them to safety.

And we should look at every police officer and every Sergeant at Arms' officer and every Capitol Police officer and thank them every single day for their part in making sure that this democratic institution withstood the stress test.

So the last thing I want to leave you with is, I think there is a lot of confusion about the reason why this day is dark to me. Quite honestly, I found, actually, inspiration in what law enforcement did that day. What made it a dark day for me is when we had blanket pardons for the people who did damage to this building.

Now, once again, let's look on a balanced basis. There may be people coming to the floor today saying that these pardons were awful. Shame on the President for doing it.

The fact of the matter is, the Biden administration ended up going overboard with prosecuting people who were dumb enough to walk into the building, but they weren't the leaders. And they were absolutely submitted to prosecutions and costs and things that they probably shouldn't have. They should have probably gotten a fine, and most likely they never would have done it again.

But the President, on the advice of somebody in the White House—and I hope I find out the name of that person—also pardoned criminals who injured police officers, who destroyed this building.

Is there anybody listening to me today—all 30 of them that are listening—is there anybody here, if you had that happen to your office or your business, would you think, Well, they were just a little hotheaded, let them go and not prosecute them or would you hold them accountable for destroying the citadel of democracy?

So I believe that there were many people that should have been pardoned. The people who just came in; they didn't understand what was happening. The people that led the vanguard, the people that were waving through, the people that burned the buildings, the

people that injured a police officer, leading to the death of an officer, should go to prison for as long as the law allows. And yet they got loose, including the QAnon Shaman.

Now, people from my side of the aisle said: What a terrible thing we are doing to these people, imprisoning them. Do you all know this guy—I forget his name, but we all know the dude with the horns and no shirt. Do you know—everybody is talking about these horrible conditions that these people were in when they were in jail or prison. This man got transferred from a DC prison to another prison because the prison he was originally incarcerated in did not satisfy his organic diet. I am not kidding you.

So I think a lot of people are overblowing, as we oftentimes do here. We have some Democrats today say it was all about January 6. It was about the complacency and the onslaught against law enforcement for years before January 6. That, I give to my Democratic colleagues.

And then after January 6, I look to my Republican colleagues and say: Don't take the bait. People that harm police officers and destroy Federal buildings should go to prison, and it is a damn shame they are out because nearly three dozen of them have actually been arrested for another crime since they were pardoned.

And, here, we have to speak truth to power. I support President Trump. I campaigned for President Trump. I would support him again if he ran for reelection, which is not going to happen. However, we acted on bad advice. We let bad people go, and we sent the message that if you come to this Capitol and you got the right President in office, he is going to let you get past things that not any one of us would get away with if we did it in our home State.

OK. I vented a little bit. But I want to let everybody know that comes to the floor: Don't come to this floor with some righteous indignation that you think one party or the other is responsible. We are both responsible. We should own it because this Capitol and this democracy deserves better.

The last thing I will leave you with is, we actually passed a law that was to allow a plaque to be mounted thanking the law enforcement officers who actually helped us that day, responded to the call of Washington. It was a horrible scene.

I find out and I heard from Speaker JOHNSON that it is unimplementable. And I found out the reason why this plaque cannot be placed on a wall anywhere is because the letter of the legislation says that it would list the law enforcement officers who responded that day.

Well, this plaque that is ready to be installed actually lists every law enforcement agency that responded that day because there were hundreds, if not thousands, of people who responded to the call.

So later this week I am going to help the Speaker with his ability to implement the installation of this plaque by coming to the floor and seeking unanimous consent to simply say: We won't list the individuals, but we will list their agencies. And I look forward to the opportunity to do that later this week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 574

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, before starting the series of speeches that are scheduled for this afternoon, I have a resolution observing the fifth anniversary of the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol at the desk, and I would like to call up for a passage by unanimous consent.

The resolution is straightforward. It simply says that the January 6 Capitol attack was an assault on democracy, that the U.S. Capitol Police and other law enforcement personnel who defended the Capitol were heroes, and that we, as a body, express our gratitude to all the dedicated personnel of the U.S. Capitol for their service that day. I believe, in a bipartisan spirit, it would be a great symbol of our congressional unity to pass this today on the fifth anniversary of January 6.

So as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 574; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object.

You know, January 6 was my first day on the job here in the U.S. Senate. Come to think of it, that was the first day of the year and the start of a huge disaster the next 4 years. I sat right over there. Again, it was my first time on the Senate floor.

One of the first things I heard from my Democratic colleagues, after we returned to the floor that same night, after being taken and hidden out for a few hours, was that this was the worst disaster and was even worse than Pearl Harbor. By the way, that was a real attack that killed 2,403 Americans.

And I thought at that time: Are you kidding me? What are we talking about here?

Then almost immediately afterwards, those same Democrats that said this about Pearl Harbor, they came after all of us Republicans and said this January 6 attack was racist. And, you know, I didn't understand that—being the first day here, I went. Wait a minute. I mean, I thought we are all in this together. They know dang well this wasn't a racist attack, but it was just something that they wanted to use, but they never miss an opportunity to paint somebody a racist, you know, when it comes to the Democrats.

So January 6 had nothing to do with racism. Let's be clear what happened that day. Democrats and the Deep State hate Donald Trump so much that they helped orchestrate a coup against our government. It has been looked at, vilified; and the information that we found today is just amazing. And it first started with the tampering of the 2020 Presidential election results to oust President Trump and to install a different type of government. As a result, great American patriots gathered in Washington to peacefully—peacefully—protest the illegal tampering of the election of 2020.

When the leader of the Democratic Party at that time, NANCY PELOSI, and the Deep State learned of Trump supporters coming to Washington, DC—which, by the way, was hundreds of thousands of people—they started and got an idea. Now, again, this has all been proven. They decided to infiltrate the crowd with antifa and intelligence community members who would stir up trouble. The FBI has confirmed that there were 274 FBI agents in plain clothes in the Capitol here that day.

Then they set up Capitol Police by failing and refusing President Trump's offer to bring in National Guard as backup. They turned it down.

I interact with Capitol Hill police here every day. They are brave men and women who work tirelessly to help keep us all safe. But they were set up to fail by the Democrats that day. And then, of course, Democrats placed all the blame on President Trump and the Republicans for everything that happened that day and afterwards. They had the majority.

NANCY PELOSI spearheaded the true insurrection that day. This has all been proven true, and she even admitted responsibility for the massive security failures of that day. But the Democrats' plan to destroy President Trump and his supporters, it didn't end on that January 6, 2021. For the next 4 years—next 4 years—Joe Biden and the Democrats did everything they could do—everything—to arrest, harass, bankrupt, deplatform, and kill President Trump—not to mention the hundreds of innocent patriotic Americans who sat behind bars for the past 5 years over this made up witch hunt. That is one of the most embarrassing things I have seen since I have been here.

Thankfully, most of them now have been released. You know, conveniently, the Biden DOJ neglected to investigate members of the intelligence community for their treasonous involvement in the events of January 6. That was very convenient. As a matter of fact, they never brought the guy in who was in charge of Capitol Hill police for an interview. They never wanted to talk to him. He was in charge of the Capitol Hill police—because he knew the truth.

Still today, Democrats are trying to rewrite the true events of that history. They keep mentioning all of these Capitol Police who supposedly died on January 6. Now, don't get me wrong. We

have brave people that work in this building. But this was made up, and it continued to be made up. The only person who died on January 6 was Ashli Babbitt, an unarmed Air Force veteran who was shot that day in this building.

Recently, Senate Democrats attempted—think about this—attempted to strip Ashli Babbitt of her military funeral honors. Now, why would they do that? Ashli Babbitt was wrongfully killed on January 6, 2021. The Federal Government admitted it, and they paid money to her family as part of a legal settlement. Interesting. But Democrats, they don't care about the truth.

Today is a reminder that radical Democrats and the Deep State, they don't like our country the way we run it too much, and they will do whatever it takes to try to make the Republican Party and President Trump look bad. Unfortunately, for them, the American people aren't buying it. Mr. President, 77 million people came to the rescue of our country a year ago in November—77 million people. And that is why President Trump is back in the White House, and thank God he is.

So, no, we don't need a resolution condemning the attack on the Capitol on January 6. In fact, the only thing we should be doing is condemning NANCY PELOSI's role in setting up the government orchestration and orchestrated the hoax of January 6.

So before I object, I want to turn and yield the floor to my colleague from West Virginia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. JUSTICE. Mr. President, I reserve my right to object.

I would like to start by just saying a few comments, and that is just this: I think about my good friend, my colleague from the great State of Alabama. He is a patriot. He is a good man. He is a man full of common sense. He is a man that absolutely cannot stand wasting time. He can't stand worthless grandstanding, and neither can I. I didn't come here for that. He will be a great, great Governor.

You know, I had 8 years of serving the great people of West Virginia. It is the honor of my life. We approach things the same way in a lot, a lot of ways. You know, we are both coaches. We tease each other that we are the best two coaches in the U.S. Senate. We are the only two coaches in the U.S. Senate, but we still think we are the best.

You know, we concentrate on things like moving the ball forward, don't we? We absolutely listen to our team. We listen to voters. We listen to—who I always call the voters—Toby and Edith. This is a gigantic distraction again by the Democrats just because they hate our great President beyond all good sense. When are they ever going to get over hating Donald Trump?

Now, you know me well enough to know that I speak the truth. And I know the Trump family, and I know