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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROGER MARSHALL, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by Dr. Gurwant Kaur, Blue Mountain Gurdwara, from Bethel, PA.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O One Universal Creator God, by the grace of the true Guru.

Almighty God, Waheguru, we call You by many Names, but You are one. Please keep Your divine hand over the Members of the Senate as they help steer the future of our great Nation. Please keep truth on our lips, love in our hearts, and sound judgment in our minds. Help us remember our purpose: to love and serve one another and to create a more peaceful world.

Please bless all the leaders as they hope for the radiant future of our Nation. Give all who govern this land humility, courage, integrity, and compassion. Release each one of us from the hold of false ego so that we may serve selflessly. Help us remember that we all belong to one family. Let us recognize the entire human race as one.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our great Nation, we humbly seek Your blessings for the radiant future and are grateful for the divine protection to our Nation.

True Waheguru, supreme and compassionate, please give us strength to safeguard the freedom of our Republic and to stand with the weak and the underprivileged. Give Sikhs humility and courage to serve and protect our great Nation.

We also ask the Almighty God to keep Your watch over the protectors of our Nation who work tirelessly day and night for our freedom and safety.

You are everywhere. All this is Yours. Whatever is seen, O God, is Your form. O God, You are but one.

In the name of Nanak, we ask for the enlightened and the radiant future of this Nation and an everlasting optimism. In the name of Nanak, may there be grace and peace for the entire humanity.

According to the concept of Sarbat the Bhala, meaning good will to all, we offer our homage to all the martyrs of the world who fought for liberty, justice, and equality.

(English translation of the statement made in Punjabi is as follows:)

The Khalsa belongs to God; victory belongs to God.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 4, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Roger Marshall, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARSHALL thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SECURE AMERICA ACT—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33.

Pending:

Thune (for Graham) amendment No. 5453, in the nature of a substitute.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

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Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I expect there will be a lot of amendments today on a lot of topics. So I want to take just a minute to focus in on the essence of the bill that we are on that we will be considering and voting on today. It is a simple bill. It will do nothing more than fund Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the next 3 years.

And why are we doing this bill? Why are we doing appropriations for these Department of Homeland Security Agencies separately and for 3 years instead of the usual 1? Because Democrats have refused to fund border security or immigration law enforcement.

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That is it. We are here today only—only—because Democrats refuse to appropriate a single dollar for our border and immigration law enforcement.

They originally agreed to fund them, of course. Back in January, Democrats in both Houses, House and Senate, signed off on an appropriations bill that included multiple reforms. But shortly before passage, after the events in Minneapolis, Democrats reneged. They wanted more reforms, they claimed. And Republicans agreed to reopen negotiations.

The White House implemented a number of reforms on its own. And then the White House repeatedly—repeatedly—offered Democrats a robust package of legislative reforms.

The Democrats would not agree to anything. And eventually they walked away altogether, presumably, because they thought that it would serve them better to have an issue for November, although I would say it remains to be seen how well “defund law enforcement” and “eliminate border security officers” play for Democrats this fall because, let’s be very clear, that is what Democrats have opted for: no—zero—no officers at our Nation’s borders and no officers to remove dangerous criminal illegal immigrants from our country.

If it weren’t for Republicans, our Nation’s borders might currently be thrown wide open to drug traffickers, cartel members, terrorists, criminals, human smugglers, and other dangerous individuals. And dangerous criminal illegal aliens could be living freely in our country. That is what no funding for border security and immigration enforcement means, and I can’t emphasize that enough.

If Democrats had their way, our Nation’s borders would be completely—completely—unprotected and criminal illegal immigrants would be allowed to remain in our country and endanger Americans. Democrats’ position is not just breathtakingly irresponsible, it is a betrayal of their obligations as members of our government. This is a national security issue, and Democrats have completely abdicated their national security responsibility.

As I said, I expect there will be a lot of amendments today. Many will be intended to distract from Democrats’ “defund law enforcement” position.

Some may even echo the reforms the White House offered to Democrats—that Democrats rejected, but which they will now attempt to use to score political points.

When all of the political statements have been made, we will pass the underlying bill and be one step closer to funding border security and immigration law enforcement for the next 3 years. For the next 3 years—this is what Democrats have forced us to do.

I am grateful for the law enforcement officers who have helped secure our Nation’s border over the past 16 months and take criminal illegal immigrants off of our streets.

And I am grateful to Secretary Mullin and border czar Tom Homan for their leadership and their work to refocus things at DHS and ensure that both Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement are fully focused on their core mission of protecting our country.

And Republicans are going to continue to ensure that these Agencies have the funding that they need to fulfill their national security responsibilities.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, anyone—anyone—who still believes that Trump has any intention of stopping his effort to steal Americans’ tax dollars to enrich himself, his family, and MAGA loyalists ought to listen to Trump’s comments yesterday.

Yesterday, Trump not only refused to commit ending his \$2 billion taxpayer-funded MAGA slush fund permanently, he also said of the slush fund: I love it. I think it’s so important. It’s a beautiful thing.

I repeat, here is what Trump said about this damn slush fund.

He said: I love it. I think it’s so important. It was a beautiful thing.

Do you hear that, America? Do you hear that, Republican Senators? Do you hear it?

Trump loves giving Americans’ taxpayer dollars to his billionaire friends.

Trump thinks forcing Americans to fork over their paychecks to line the pockets of his corrupt friends is “so important.”

Trump says ripping Americans off to give kickbacks to convicted criminals who beat police officers to death on January 6 is a beautiful thing—that is what he said.

Trump’s slush fund is anything but beautiful. It is heinous, and it won’t die until we permanently ban it by law—not by language, not by verbal promises which can just evaporate, but by law. And we have the chance to do that this morning on the amendment I will offer.

The very first amendment I will offer in vote-arama today will be to outlaw the slush fund forever, so when Trump wakes up a week from now or a month from now and says: Why don’t we try that slush fund again?—he won’t be able to. He won’t be able to.

With the whole country watching, Republicans will have to choose: either support the slush fund or ban it. They can come up with 10 excuses. It is a yes

or no: support the slush fund or ban it. Americans want a big loud voice and vote to ban it permanently—to ban it forever.

We are also going to force Republicans to vote on whether to let Trump keep the immunity he granted himself from audits so he can get out of paying his own taxes. This is what he put in the bill. This is what our Republican friends are putting in the bill. Donald Trump has a get-out-of-jail-free card. No audit ever of him and how he is evading taxes. And he has already tried to do that a whole bunch of times. There have been court cases about it. Let him do it? Let this level of corruption rise so it is going to drown all of us? Throw away those good old American values that have served this country well for 250 years because Donald Trump wants to take this money in a corrupt fund and scare you into voting yes? Come on. You Republicans are better than that, I hope.

Donald Trump is less trustworthy than a snake oil salesman, than a back-alley bookie, than the Nigerian prince in your email spam folder.

Are Republicans blind? Are they so far removed from the American people? Do they not even know what corruption is anymore? That is what I think is happening over on that side of the aisle. Donald Trump has immersed so much of America in so much corruption you don’t even get it.

But that is what America—you are taking the great values of America on our 250th year and flushing them down the toilet because you are afraid of Donald Trump.

And, listen, another point: Are Republicans really going to take Todd Blanche—a known liar—at his word?

Do we believe that Donald Trump, who has lied to us day in and day out—do we believe that he will be able to resist getting his sticky fingers in the slush fund when it would benefit himself and his family? No way. No way.

VOTE-ARAMA

Mr. President, on vote-arama, which is part of this bill, rather than let Republicans try to force through their radical reconciliation bill under the current cover of night, Democrats have made sure today’s vote-arama happens in broad daylight because Americans deserve to see what Republicans are prioritizing instead of lowering their costs.

Democrats will force Republicans to vote on Trump’s MAGA slush fund, his lifetime tax exemption, his billion-dollar, taxpayer-funded ballroom—but that is not all.

Amendment after amendment, vote after vote, Republicans are going to have to answer to the American people on tariffs, on skyrocketing costs, on the disastrous war with Iran, on the violence Trump’s masked agents have unleashed on our streets. All of that they are going to have to vote on.

Will Republicans vote for more affordable housing? Will Republicans require Trump’s masked agents to wear

body cameras? Will Republicans join Democrats to lower gas prices?

Democrats will ensure that every failed Republican policy—every failed Trump policy—that has driven up costs, unleashed chaos, and aided Trump's corruption will face a vote on the Senate floor today.

And Democrats are going to show just how terrible this bill is from start to finish.

Apparently, Republicans think we cannot afford a single penny to help Americans cover the skyrocketing costs of gasoline, of healthcare, of housing, of food, of energy—you name it—but somehow we can afford to give another \$70 billion to Trump's rogue Agencies even though ICE and Border Patrol already have \$100 billion cash on hand.

Do you hear that, driver? When you pull up to the gas pump, and it is \$4.50, or even higher in many places, ask yourself: Why don't Republicans vote to lower those prices instead of giving ICE and Border Patrol, already discredited, more money when they have \$100 billion sitting there?

Let's take stock of what we could buy with the \$170 billion Trump's personal police force would have at its disposal if this bill passed.

Instead of shooting Americans dead in the street, the Federal Government could cut a \$1,300 check to every household in America to lower gas prices that have been raised so by Trump's unending, it seems, war.

Instead of masked agents breaking down your door in the middle of the night without a warrant, we could fund programs that help Americans keep the heat on in the winter and the AC on in the summer 40 times over.

Instead of dragging law-abiding parents and children into unmarked vehicles, that \$170 billion could fund food stamps for nearly 2 years or Head Start for 14 years or childcare assistance for two decades—things America wants.

America, the contrast is clear: Democrats are fighting for you—Republicans are kowtowing to Trump and his corruption.

I urge Republicans to vote like the American people are watching—because they are.

TODD BLANCHE

Mr. President, on the Todd Blanche nomination, last night Donald Trump said—do you hear this, everybody?—he will nominate Todd Blanche to be the permanent Attorney General. Yech.

Trump picked Blanche because he is loyal to the President alone—not to the Constitution, not to the rule of law, and certainly not to the American people—and not to the values this country has had for 250 years. It is people like Blanche and Trump who have ripped those values up of honesty and of fairness and of decency that have been the hallmark of America that we are seeing them try to wipe away.

For years, Blanche has been Trump's personal lawyer and attack dog, and that didn't stop when Blanche joined

the Department of Justice. Blanche orchestrated Trump's self-dealing MAGA slush fund and granted his boss the audit immunity that gives the President free rein to commit tax fraud.

Blanche has blocked the release of more than half the Epstein files, withholding 3 million—3 million—pages from the public. Maybe Epstein's friend Donald Trump could tell us why Blanche went to such lengths to cover up the files. Blanche also lied to Congress under oath when he claimed he had met with the Epstein survivors—something they said never happened.

Blanche not only shields Trump from the law, he uses the justice system to go after his boss' political enemies, bringing baseless charges against the Southern Poverty Law Center, Jim Comey, and others.

Trump and Blanche are cut from the same crooked cloth.

Democrats are going to oppose Blanche's confirmation as vehemently as we have opposed the slush fund and every other corrupt act Trump and his top fixer have committed. Unless Republicans want to remain complicit in Trump's corruption, they ought to oppose Blanche as well.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senator withdraw his request?

Mr. SCHUMER. I withdraw my request for a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

(Mr. SHEEHY assumed the Chair.)

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Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, Americans are pressed to the wall. I have been holding townhalls throughout Oregon. I have held 36 this year—1 in every single county. Most of my Oregon counties are what you would call very red counties. But regardless of whether I am in a blue county or a red county, folks are pretty upset. They are not happy that gas is over 5 bucks a gallon and diesel is over 6 bucks a gallon. They are not pleased that grocery prices are going way up. They are disturbed that rent and housing costs are higher and higher. And we are seeing the impact, with March home foreclosures reaching the highest rate in 6 years. They are aggravated about inflation hitting the highest rate in 3 years at 3.8 percent, and they are downright angry over healthcare costs. They are wondering why the hell the Senate went along and spearheaded an effort to wipe out the tax credits that made healthcare affordable for middle-class families. At the same time, they are hearing about how that Big Beautiful Bill from last year gave massive tax breaks to the richest Americans.

So gas up and diesel up and fertilizer up and groceries up and housing up, and the business of this Chamber under the leadership across the aisle is to give tax breaks to billionaires? What the hell is going on here? That is just crazy. That is not government by and

for the people; that is government by and for the powerful.

What does this current reconciliation bill do for those families? Not a damn thing. Not one penny. Not one penny. Not one dime in the couch cushion. Nothing. What does it do? Groceries, gas, housing, healthcare—a big zero—zero like in zilch; zilch like in nothing. Like you all don't matter across America; we only care about the billionaires.

Then it hands another \$70 billion to ICE and CBP. ICE and CBP are sitting on \$100 billion of unobligated funds. That is like the dragon sitting on the huge mound of diamonds and rubies and gold, guarding it. And we are going to give them more? They are sitting on a 4-year supply of funds right now. And we can't do anything for middle-class families, but we are going to give ICE and CBP more money to sit on. How does that possibly serve America?

Are we doing reforms—reforms that address the secret police practices that they have been executing, terrorizing our communities across the country? Not a single reform is in this bill. Stunning.

If that wasn't bad enough, my Republican colleagues are all in on corruption, all in on taxpayers footing the bill for Trump's gold-plated, billion-dollar ballroom boondoggle, a massive Louis XIV-style building so large it turns the White House into this little, tiny auxiliary dwelling unit next to Trump's massive, self-serving, ego-creating-and-fostering monument to himself.

And the ballroom isn't all. Shouldn't we be doing an anti-corruption bill on the floor right now? We are celebrating America's 250th anniversary—250 years in which Presidents served the people, not themselves—and yet we are having this year be the one where we are seeing corruption on a scale America has never witnessed before.

Remember the big corruption scandals we heard about growing up? Teapot Dome. Remember that Teapot Dome was the name of an area in Wyoming where an Interior Secretary gave noncompete oil and gas leases in exchange for bribes of about \$400,000. Well, \$400,000—what is that compared to the President giving himself—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senators are reminded that rule XIX, paragraph 2, provides that "No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator."

Mr. MERKLEY. I thank the Presiding Officer for the reminder, but I think every Senator here has an interest in taking on the corruption infecting America, and I would welcome the partnership of all 100 Senators in this.

What about other corruption scandals we grew up with? How about Jack Abramoff, the man who was characterized as the man who bought Washington—lavish golf trips and lavish gifts and free dinners and exclusive

tickets in exchange for favors and votes here in Congress.

Well, golf trips? How does that compare to \$2 billion—a President giving himself control of \$2 billion in a cash-for-cronies scheme? Many people believe the President was going to use that money to help foster disruption of the November election. That is how concerned Americans are about the integrity of the upcoming November election.

But think how small Jack Abramoff's corruption is compared to giving yourself \$2 billion.

How about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas accepting dozens of gifts from folks with issues before the Court, accepting vacations and private jet flights and stays at luxury resorts and a rolling bus that he got a subsidized loan for—a loan that was forgiven in the largest part.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, excuse me? What is that?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, can I ask for 1 more minute to complete my comments?

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

Mr. MERKLEY. It boils down to this, folks: We should be helping the people of America, not adding \$170 billion more when ICE and CBP are sitting on the money. We should be reforming ICE and CBP. We should be helping Americans with the issues of the cost of gas and groceries and healthcare. We should be taking on this vast corruption, defending the integrity of the United States. That would be a great way—each of these—to celebrate our 250th anniversary, but that is not what we are doing today.

So let's dump this bill where it belongs: in the trash heap.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, we will be starting the process here soon.

I ask unanimous consent that there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote in relation to Calendar No. 417, S. 2.

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

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Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, let me tell you sort of why we are here. We are trying to dig out of a hole created by our colleagues on the other side during the Biden administration that was a nightmare for America's national security, for our economic well-being. And the wake of open borders and irrational and irresponsible Biden immigration policy is wide and it is deep.

What have we been able to achieve in less than 2 years? During the Biden years, we had 5,110 people come across illegally every day—apprehended. That is the ones we apprehended. Where are we at today? Zero. Pretty good.

So what do you get for your money? You go from 5,110 people to zero. What do you get for your money if you are a taxpayer out there about "is there anything in this for you"? Yes. You are less likely to be a victim of crime that results from out-of-control illegal immigration.

Just in my State alone, in April 2026, a 12-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy from Spartanburg were killed by an illegal immigrant in a drunk-driving car crash; 156 pounds of fentanyl that originated in Mexico smuggled across the southern border—the largest seizure in South Carolina history and enough to kill 36 million people. Hopefully, that will be harder to do in the future.

In June 2025, 72 illegal aliens at a Charleston nightclub run by a member of a cartel were arrested.

A University of South Carolina student, 21-year-old Nathaniel Baker—a student—was killed in a hit-and-run crash by an illegal alien.

A mother of two was murdered in Rock Hill by a group of six illegal immigrants.

In February 2025, the DEA arrested four suspects from Sumter involved in money laundering for two Mexican cartels.

And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

What are we doing here? We are going to be spending \$69.5 billion to accomplish two things: to fully fund the Border Patrol and ICE through the end of President Trump's term.

Why are we here? Through the normal appropriations process, Democrats would not give the Border Patrol or ICE one dime. We had reforms, we had agreement, and it just didn't work. We tried to reach common ground through Senator BRITT and Senator COLLINS—pretty well known for trying to reach a deal.

We were unable to get a deal because you rejected reforms. You are more worried about the lunatic base than you are protecting people from rampant crime and drugs pouring into our country.

So most Americans are with us, not with you. Most Americans want to stop the madness. Most Americans want a secure border and want an immigration system that is rational. They want ICE to go after people that shouldn't be here illegally. And can we reform ICE? Yes.

So you are going to get \$38.6 billion to ICE so they can do their job, train new agents, and have \$108.5 million allocated to a fund for child exploitation investigations. One of the great crimes associated with illegal immigration is that kids are smuggled into this country for child sex rings. And we are going to have \$108 million to beef that up; \$22 billion for the Customs and Border Patrol to hire new people, to modernize the system; \$3.5 billion for improvements to border security, including air and marine operations, efforts to combat trafficking; \$5 billion for

DHS to ensure the Agency has sufficient funding to carry out its needs.

What you get is a secure border versus a broken border. What you get is ICE being able to do its job instead of being closed for business.

To my Democratic colleagues, you are on the wrong side of this issue. You will find out in November.

What we are doing has to be done. I hate that we are having to use reconciliation to do this, but we have no other choice. Plenty of us were willing to work with the appropriations process to reform Border Patrol and ICE, but that didn't work.

So we are left with the task of doing nothing or doing something. Through reconciliation, we can do something, and we are going to do it.

We are going to fund the Border Patrol and ICE at \$69.5 billion. That will get us what we need to finish out President Trump's term. So this is one less thing America has to worry about it.

If you don't see threats that stream to our national security increasing, you are deaf, dumb, and blind. The threats to our country are going up exponentially, not down.

Is now really the time to shut down the Border Patrol, given what is coming out of the Middle East? Is now really the time to shut down the Border Patrol to let more drugs into our country?

Is now really the time to close ICE for business and have nobody out there rounding up some of the bad guys that need to be rounded up and taken out of our country?

Really, we are having to fix a problem that has been created because our Democratic colleagues have lost their way, in my view, as to what it takes to make America secure.

It takes controlling one's border. It takes having law enforcement Agencies that can function to control illegal immigration to have a sovereign nation.

If we don't do what we are doing today, then the Border Patrol and ICE would continue to go without money.

People are being laid off. Systems to protect us from Ebola and other pandemics coming to our country will be shut down.

Is now the time—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. GRAHAM. Is now the time to shut down your border? No. Now is the time to give the money they need to finish the job that is so important to the rest of us. I look forward to this debate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all debate time is expired.

The minority leader.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that (1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and (2) safeguard the Department of Justice from partisan political influence and corruption, which may include prohibiting any amounts appropriated for payments under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, from being used for or transferred to the Anti-Weaponization Fund.

The motion to commit is as follows:
Mr. Schumer moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) safeguard the Department of Justice from partisan political influence and corruption, which may include prohibiting any amounts appropriated for payments under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, from being used for or transferred to the Anti-Weaponization Fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 2 minutes for debate equally divided.

The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, my very first amendment offers Republicans a choice: Do you support Donald Trump's \$2 billion taxpayer-funded slush fund, or do you want to protect the American people and their paychecks by outlawing this criminal, crony, cash-back program permanently?

America has never seen a more clear-cut case of corruption. America has never seen a more clear-cut case of corruption than Donald Trump's slush fund: Trump sues Trump. Trump settles with Trump. Trump gives Trump Americans' taxpayer dollars.

Trump won't give Americans a penny to help offset the skyrocketing costs he brought on our country, but he is more than happy to charge them nearly \$2 billion to line the pockets of his family, his billionaire friends, and the criminals who mauled police officers on January 6.

If Republicans truly oppose this corruption, then prove it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. SCHUMER. Support my amendment and ban the slush fund permanently by law.

Instead, Republicans are trusting the word of Todd Blanche, who built a career on lying—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. SCHUMER.—that the administration will just drop the slush fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. SCHUMER. Trump hasn't even pretended to promise that the slush fund is done. Instead, Trump said of the slush fund:

I love it. I think it's so important. . . . It was a beautiful thing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for 30 more seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MORENO. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, you know, honestly, I didn't hear a word of what the minority leader said because I didn't hear him address what we are here to do. We are here to complete our oath of office, which is to provide security and safety for the American people.

I want to speak directly to the Border Patrol agents and the people who work in law enforcement that wake up every day to protect us: We will do our jobs today. We will fund your paychecks.

They refuse to do it. They are going to play so many games over the next 8, 9, 10 hours. Bring it on, because what we will do today is we will make certain that communities are safe in this country.

We are going to fund immigration enforcement and Border Patrol, and I urge my Republican colleagues to stay united on that singular mission. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative 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.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed an additional 30 seconds to conclude my remarks, which we traditionally always give that courtesy.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I know my colleagues are afraid to hear the truth and that is why they objected, when it is almost never—there is never an objection when the leaders speak.

But let me finish my remarks.

Republicans are trusting the word of Todd Blanche, who built a career on lying, that the administration will just drop the slush fund.

Trump hasn't even pretended to promise that the slush fund is done. Instead, here is what Trump said of the slush fund:

I love it. I think it's so important. . . . It was a beautiful thing.

Republican Senators need to stop playing dumb. They need to listen to the truth and stop trusting these fools, like Todd Blanche, who lies to the American people repeatedly.

Do we believe—do any of us believe—that Donald Trump, who has lied to us day in and day out, will be able to resist getting his sticky fingers in the

slush fund, when it would benefit himself and his family? No way.

For something as corrupt as this slush fund, toothless guardrails, meek reforms, and empty promises won't cut it. We need to outlaw it permanently.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on agreeing to the SCHUMER motion to commit.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 137 Leg.]

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—50

Armstrong	Fischer	Moran
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Ernst	Moody	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). The Senator from North Carolina.

AMENDMENT NO. 5452 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5452 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Carolina [Mr. TILLIS] proposes an amendment numbered 5452 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To reallocate funds that would have been used for the Anti-Weaponization Fund to fraud enforcement)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ANTI-WEAPONIZATION FUND; REALLOCATION TO FRAUD ENFORCEMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.—The term “Settlement Agreement”—

(A) means the settlement agreement styled *Trump v. Internal Revenue Service*, No. 1:26-cv-20609-KMW (S.D. Fla.), executed on or about May 18, 2026; and

(B) includes any implementing order, memorandum, directive, agreement, modification, or successor instrument with respect to the agreement described in subparagraph (A).

(2) ANTI-WEAPONIZATION FUND.—The term “Anti-Weaponization Fund” means any fund, account, claims process, compensation mechanism, or successor entity established or contemplated pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, by whatever name designated.

(3) COVERED ACTIVITIES.—The term “covered activities” means any of the following:

(A) Establishment, capitalization, staffing, or operation of the Anti-Weaponization Fund.

(B) Review, processing, administration, auditing, or adjudication of claims submitted under the Settlement Agreement.

(C) Issuance of monetary awards, reimbursements, debt relief, attorneys’ fees, compensation, grants, transfers, or other financial benefits pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.

(D) Implementation, defense, or enforcement of any order of the Attorney General issued to carry out the Settlement Agreement.

(b) RESTRICTION ON USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

(1) GENERAL RESTRICTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by any Act of Congress, including amounts available under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the “Judgment Fund”), may be obligated, transferred, reserved, committed, administered, or expended for covered activities.

(2) RESTRICTION ON SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may not use any funds appropriated to the Department of Justice, or exercise any authority under section 516 or 519 of title 28, United States Code, to negotiate, execute, implement, or defend any agreement, order, or instrument that would obligate funds of the United States for covered activities.

(3) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect the authority of the Attorney General to settle or compromise claims against the United States in matters unrelated to the Settlement Agreement.

(c) REALLOCATION.—

(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF FUNDS.—It is the sense of Congress that the funds that would have been used by the Attorney General for covered activities, but for the restrictions under subsection (b), should instead be used for fraud prevention and enforcement activities, in accordance with this subsection.

(2) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$1,700,000,000, to remain available until expended, for fraud prevention and enforcement activities, including—

(A) investigations and prosecutions under sections 3729 through 3733 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the “False Claims Act”);

(B) procurement fraud and grant fraud enforcement;

(C) public corruption investigations;

(D) forensic auditing and data analytics capabilities;

(E) coordination initiatives with inspectors general of Federal agencies;

(F) recovery of improperly obtained Federal funds;

(G) criminal and civil fraud litigation; and

(H) anti-fraud technology modernization, including advanced data analytics and case management systems.

(3) REPORTING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committees on the Judiciary and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report detailing the use of funds made available under this subsection, including the number of investigations initiated, cases filed, and amounts recovered.

(d) CONSTRUCTION REGARDING RIGHTS AND CLAIMS.—

(1) NO VESTED RIGHTS FROM SETTLEMENT.—No person or entity shall acquire any legally enforceable right, entitlement, expectancy, or property interest arising solely from the Settlement Agreement or from any proposed Anti-Weaponization Fund process, unless expressly authorized by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

(A) prevent any person from pursuing any claim against the United States through any judicial or administrative remedy otherwise available under law independent of the Settlement Agreement;

(B) affect any right or claim arising under sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”), section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”), or section 6103 or 7431 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that does not depend upon the Settlement Agreement for its existence; or

(C) waive, modify, or limit the sovereign immunity of the United States except as expressly provided in this section.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE JUDGMENT FUND.—The restriction under subsection (b) constitutes a limitation on the availability of the permanent, indefinite appropriation under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, with respect to covered activities, consistent with the authority of Congress to impose conditions on the Judgment Fund as recognized in the legislative history and judicial interpretation of such section 1304.

(f) SUPERSESSION.—To the extent of any inconsistency with any provision of the Settlement Agreement, or any order, directive, or action of the Attorney General issued pursuant thereto, this section shall supersede the provision, order, directive, or action, as applicable.

(g) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the remainder of this section, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, this amendment prohibits Federal funds from being used to establish, administer, defend, or pay claims to the so-called anti-weaponization fund.

We heard over the last 48 hours that the Acting Attorney General said that this fund is not moving forward. All this amendment does is codify what I believe the policy of the DOJ is. And

rather than allow those funds to be directed toward settlement-related payments, the amendment redirects resources to the Fraud Division for DOJ to the amount of about \$1.7 billion.

Ladies and gentlemen, understand that every single person in the United States today who feels like they have been the victim of vindictive prosecution already has statutory methods for getting restitution.

This bill is unpopular. This administration has said they are not moving forward with it. This is an opportunity for us to put it to bed and to also fund the Fraud Division, which I think is very important, and I ask for support.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I applaud my colleague from North Carolina and other Members on the other side of the aisle who wish to end the massive corruption of the so-called anti-weaponization fund, better known as cash for—well, folks who are—“cash for cronies” would be a good name for it.

But, listen, taking one slush fund and eliminating it and then creating a new slush fund still under the control of the Attorney General is not the way to go. The way to go is to get rid of these slush funds altogether.

We have already seen how the administration has an enemies list, how inclined this Attorney General is to use his resources and his offices to go after those enemies, and this is money that lets him do it on a massive scale.

So no cash for cronies and no slush fund to have the President and his Attorney General go after their political enemies.

Please oppose this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, before I make a point of order, I want to let every American know that if you believe you were the victim of a weaponization of the government and your life was turned upside down, there is a process available to you called the Federal Tort Claims Act. And I may use it myself because I feel like I am in your boat. I did nothing wrong but had my life turned upside down.

As to this amendment, the pending amendment would cause the underlying legislation to exceed the Judiciary Committee section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority or outlays. Therefore, I raise a point of order under the measure pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to waive.

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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 15, nays 84, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 138 Leg.]

YEAS—15

Cassidy	Ernst	Murkowski
Collins	Hassan	Rounds
Cornyn	Husted	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Tillis
Curtis	Moran	Young

NAYS—84

Alsobrooks	Hagerty	Padilla
Armstrong	Hawley	Paul
Baldwin	Heinrich	Peters
Banks	Hickenlooper	Reed
Barrasso	Hirono	Ricketts
Blackburn	Hoeven	Risch
Blumenthal	Hyde-Smith	Rosen
Blunt Rochester	Johnson	Sanders
Booker	Justice	Schatz
Boozman	Kaine	Schiff
Britt	Kelly	Schmitt
Budd	Kennedy	Schumer
Cantwell	Kim	Scott (FL)
Capito	King	Scott (SC)
Coons	Lankford	Shaheen
Cotton	Lee	Sheehy
Cramer	Lujan	Slotkin
Crapo	Lummis	Smith
Cruz	Markey	Thune
Daines	Marshall	Tuberville
Duckworth	McConnell	Van Hollen
Durbin	McCormick	Warner
Fetterman	Merkley	Warnock
Fischer	Moody	Warren
Galleo	Moreno	Welch
Gillibrand	Murphy	Whitehouse
Graham	Murray	Wicker
Grassley	Ossoff	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 15, the nays are 84.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be the next in order: Merkley No. 5512 and Reed No. 5514.

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

The Senator from Oregon.

AMENDMENT NO. 5512 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5512 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative executive read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. MERKLEY] proposes an amendment numbered 5512 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide a clarification relating to, and to prohibit the use of funds for, the White House Ballroom)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CLARIFICATION; PROHIBITION.

Nothing in this Act provides the authorization of Congress to construct the East Wing Modernization Project and no Federal funds or private donations may be used for the East Wing Modernization Project absent express authorization of Congress after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, colleagues, Americans love our iconic monuments, from the Lincoln Monument to the White House. And major changes to these beloved places are done in accordance with a congressional authorization. They are not done without one.

And, yet, we now have a situation where there is a plan to construct a billion-dollar ballroom, gold-plated, without any action by Congress to authorize it.

So some may love that ballroom, and some—including myself—well, we think it is a terrible idea to overshadow the White House with a monument appropriate to Louis XIV. But that is not the point right now. The point is there is no congressional authorization.

So this amendment is very simple. It says that congressional authorization is needed to proceed. All of us here have a responsibility to follow the power-of-the-purse responsibility in the Constitution. Let's all support the idea that it must proceed—if it is to proceed—with a congressional authorization.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, there is no money in this bill for a ballroom. In addition, the pending amendment contains matters not within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee and is therefore a poison pill that would prevent the Senate from funding border security.

Therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, because it is so important that we exercise our constitutional power of the purse, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. MERKLEY.—and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive the point of order for the purposes of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. WYDEN. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 139 Leg.]

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—46

Armstrong	Fischer	Moody
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hagerty	Ricketts
Boozman	Hawley	Risch
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tuberville
Cruz	Lummis	Wicker
Curtis	Marshall	Young
Daines	McConnell	
Ernst	McCormick	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 46.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

CHANGE OF VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, on roll-call vote 139, I voted nay, my intention was to vote yea; therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not affect the outcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

(The foregoing tally has been changed to reflect the above order.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

AMENDMENT NO. 5514 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5514 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] proposes an amendment numbered 5514 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships program)

Strike sections 101, 103, 104, 201, 202, and 203 and insert the following:

SEC. _____ . FUNDING FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2029, \$62,095,000,000 for the HOME Investment Partnerships program under subtitle A of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.).

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I offer amendment No. 5514, which would build and preserve 2.1 million homes nationwide.

The Trump administration wants to give ICE and DHS another blank check—no reforms after the shootings of two Americans, no accountability for frittering away taxpayer money; just more money and no questions.

There are so many better things we can do with this money. One of them is to build affordable housing in every State in the country.

My amendment would take \$62 billion that ICE and DHS don't even need and put it toward the production and rehabilitation of 2.1 million units of new housing for American families across this country.

We must do this. Housing affects every State in this Union. We can do something positive because we need more housing for the American people.

I would ask for the yeas and nays and a vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

The bill before us is not about funding housing programs at HUD. The bill, unlike amendment No. 5514, is about funding our ICE agents and Border Patrol. You wouldn't know it based on what the other side is talking about.

Democrats are desperate—desperate—to distract Americans from the fact that they have, once again, become the party of “defunding the police and border security.”

The American people see right through this. Democrats are making our communities less safe and our homeland less secure. Enough is enough you-all.

Because of Democrats' obstruction, we will fully fund ICE and Border Patrol without them.

I urge a “no” vote on this amendment. And, by the way, the pending amendment contains a matter that is within the Banking jurisdiction and thus extraneous; therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

Just say no.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional

Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. REED. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 140 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 46, the nays are 53.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be the next in order: Ossoff motion to commit, Hassan 5535, and Warner 5556.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Georgia [Mr. Ossoff] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session with changes that (1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and (2) would amend the provision of law commonly referred to as the “False Claims Act” to require the Department of Justice to establish a task force to conduct investigations into health insurance companies that are found to routinely deny and delay patients' access to medically necessary care.

The motion is as follows:

Mr. OSSOFF moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would amend the provision of law commonly referred to as the “False Claims Act” to require the Department of Justice to establish a task force to conduct investigations into health insurance companies that are found to routinely deny and delay patients' access to medically necessary care.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, instead of slush funds for criminals and corrupt ballrooms, let's do something useful. Let's ban insurance companies from denying or delaying medically necessary healthcare to Americans.

My constituent Ellen lives in Atlanta, and a few years ago, she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a rare form of blood cancer. But not only did Ellen have to battle cancer, she had to battle her insurance company too.

Ms. Ellen told me “for a corporation to have a finger on the button of your life is ridiculous. They have their minds on profit margins, I just want to be healthy and alive.”

Thankfully, Ellen's cancer is now in remission, but across America insurance companies continue to deny and delay medically necessary healthcare. A vote against this motion is a vote to allow insurance companies to continue denying needed healthcare to the American people.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, Senator Ossoff's motion to commit would require an amendment to the False Claims Act.

In 1986, I authored the False Claims Act, and for decades, I have worked to successfully strengthen the law. The Ossoff issue is an issue worthy of review; however, a motion to commit isn't the right way to do it.

The False Claims Act is implicated when a company charges the government for healthcare it didn't render.

The plain text of the motion doesn't appear to cover that scope. The Justice Department already performs investigations into healthcare insurance fraud.

The Senate also confirmed a new Assistant Attorney General to fight fraud. Further, sending the reconciliation bill back to the Judiciary Committee would essentially kill it.

Remember, the False Claims Act has brought \$87 billion of ill-gotten money back into the Federal Treasury, and I am going to do all I can to protect it.

So I urge my colleagues to vote no on the Ossoff motion.

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, how much time do I have remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No time remaining.

VOTE ON MOTION

The question occurs on agreeing to the Ossoff motion to commit.

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "nay."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Leg.]

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—50

Armstrong	Graham	Moran
Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeben	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Cramer	Lee	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	

NOT VOTING—3

Bennet	Ernst	Tillis
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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The Senator from New Hampshire.

AMENDMENT NO. 5535 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5535 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Hampshire [Ms. HASSAN] proposes an amendment numbered 5535 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To help build 7,000,000 new homes)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. FUNDING FOR THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the HOME Investment Partnerships program under subtitle A of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12741 et seq.) for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as necessary, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purpose of helping to build 7,000,000 new homes.

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, as families struggle with high costs, we should be focused on making life more affordable for American families, starting with housing.

My amendment is straightforward. It does not take funding from other programs; it simply expands the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, sending more money to all 50 States to help build 7 million new, high-quality homes nationwide. That means 25,000 new homes in my home State of New Hampshire, 60,000 new homes in Iowa, and 135,000 in Colorado. Building these homes will help address our housing shortage and help make housing more affordable for all Americans.

Now is the time to listen to the American people and lower costs for families.

I urge a "yes" vote.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment. The bill before us is not about housing programs at HUD; the bill, unlike amendment No. 5535, is about funding our ICE agents and our Border Patrol and keeping our country safe.

Democrats are desperate to distract Americans from the fact that they have once again become the party of defunding the police and border security. The American people see right through it. Democrats are making our communities less safe and our homeland less secure. Enough is enough. Because of Democrats' obstruction, we will fully fund ICE and Border Patrol without their help.

The pending amendment contains matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Banking Committee and thus extraneous; therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

I urge my colleagues to vote no.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, this amendment does not take any funding away from any other Department or

Agency. Pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—52

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

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet	Ernst
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 46, the nays are 52.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

AMENDMENT NO. 5556 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5556 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] proposes an amendment numbered 5556 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit an individual from acting as Director of National Intelligence if such individual is simultaneously serving as the head of any other Federal department or agency)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LIMITATION ON SERVICE OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

No Senate-confirmed head of any other Federal agency or department may be directed to perform the functions and duties of the Director of National Intelligence in an acting capacity.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, earlier this week, President Trump chose, not as mortgage lender but as the Nation's top intelligence official, an individual who, even in the mortgage job, has shown a willingness to pursue political retribution.

Now, giving him the keys to the 18 intelligence Agencies that the Director of National Intelligence oversees would be a disaster.

Let's be clear, the statute creating the DNI's position is clear: This individual "shall have extensive national security expertise."

Mr. Pulte has no national security expertise—none. We are not even sure if he has got a basic security clearance.

And the President is saying: As a matter of fact, this guy can do his job at the FHFA and do his job as Director of National Intelligence.

Now, I am going to ask my friends to help me on this. I do want to compliment my friend from Arkansas because we have been working very successfully together on section 702.

My amendment is simple: An individual who heads another Department or Agency should not also be Acting DNI.

This role is too important to be filled by a part-time, unqualified individual. And if only half of the Republicans who have expressed private concerns on this will vote, we will get way over 60.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, let me say that I respect the vice chairman, and I appreciate our work together on the Intelligence Committee. In particular, I thank the vice chairman for his cooperation on last year's Intelligence Authorization Act to reduce the sprawling bureaucracy at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

We have more to come in this year's bill too. The end result will be an intelligence community that is less bureaucratic, more nimble, and more focused on protecting our Nation, not pushing paper.

But this legislation has nothing to do with intelligence. Today, we are putting an end to the minority leader's unprecedented obstruction, securing our border, and enforcing our immigration laws.

The Democrats have pursued their "defund the police" ambitions for nearly a year, starving our immigration officers of badly needed support. So we

are not just funding those brave officers for the end of this year but the end of the President's term.

It is time to protect our borders, enforce our laws, and get on to other business. This amendment would only further delay matters, and it contains matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Intelligence Committee and is thus extraneous.

POINT OF ORDER

Therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purpose of the pending measure and ask only half my Republican friends who are concerned about this to vote with me.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. WARNER. 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.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 49, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Leg.]

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—49

Armstrong	Fischer	McConnell
Banks	Graham	McCormick
Barrasso	Grassley	Moody
Blackburn	Hagerty	Moran
Boozman	Hawley	Moreno
Britt	Hoeven	Paul
Budd	Husted	Ricketts
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cornyn	Johnson	Rounds
Cotton	Justice	Schmitt
Cramer	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lee	Sheehy
Curtis	Lummis	
Daines	Marshall	

Sullivan
Thune

Tillis
Tuberville

Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet

Ernst

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 49, the nays are 49.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The Senator from South Carolina.

AMENDMENT NO. 5779 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

(Purpose: To ensure only citizens are registered to vote in elections for Federal office, and to require voters to provide photo identification, and for other purposes.)

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5779, and I ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. GRAHAM] proposes an amendment numbered 5779 to amendment No. 5453.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, if you have heard of the SAVE America Act, we are about to vote on it.

Senator SCHMITT and Senator LEE, this is your idea, blessed by President Trump.

The Senate is going to vote in a minute on several things.

We say you should have a photo ID before you vote to make sure we have voter integrity. We say, over here, you have to be a citizen before you vote. We say, over here, biological males should not be playing girls' sports. We say, over here, that a minor should not be allowed to transition their sex. If you can't smoke as a minor, that makes sense to me.

So, to the medical community, you should not be performing sex changes on minors. They should wait until they are old enough to make that decision.

That is what we say. All you-all are going to oppose it.

If you don't want a photo ID, you are probably into cheating. There is no other reason to say you don't have to have an ID. It just makes cheating easier. Who wants a noncitizen voting in our elections? If you are against that, that makes me wonder.

Biological males playing girls' sports is not good for anybody, and a minor should not be allowed to transition their sex. That is the biggest change you could make in your entire life. You shouldn't be allowed to do that as a minor.

This is what we say.

What do you say?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, yes, I rise in opposition to this Graham amendment.

I will remind us, colleagues, that just over a month ago, a similar proposal was defeated on a bipartisan basis.

I will repeat for the umpteenth time: Every study, every audit, every report shows that there is no massive voter fraud across America. Current safeguards are working—and, yes, it is already unlawful for noncitizens to vote in the United States.

What this amendment does is to smear earlier attempts to put through the President's priorities to try to take over elections and to ban vote by mail.

While we are at it—while they are at it—attacking trans folks during Pride Month? That is pretty damned offensive.

So, for all of the same reasons we killed prior legislative efforts, I say we vote down this amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. President, in so doing, I raise a point of order that the pending amendment violates the Byrd rule, section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, my friends are about to vote down four very commonsense ideas, and we will talk about this in November during the election.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purpose of the pending measure.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 48, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Leg.]

YEAS—48

Armstrong	Fischer	Moody
Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeben	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young

NAYS—50

Alsobrooks	Collins	Gallego
Baldwin	Coons	Gillibrand
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Hassan
Blunt	Duckworth	Heinrich
Booker	Durbin	Hickenlooper
Cantwell	Fetterman	Hirono

Kaine	Murray	Slotkin
Kelly	Ossoff	Smith
Kim	Padilla	Tillis
King	Peters	Van Hollen
Klobuchar	Reed	Warner
Lujan	Rosen	Warnock
Markey	Sanders	Warren
McConnell	Schatz	Welch
Merkley	Schiff	Whitehouse
Murkowski	Schumer	Wyden
Murphy	Shaheen	

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet Ernst

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 48, the nays are 50.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be the next in order: Hickenlooper, 5501; Kim, 5545.

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

The Senator from Colorado.

AMENDMENT NO. 5501 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5501 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Colorado [Mr. HICKENLOOPER] proposes an amendment numbered 5501 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit the distribution of Federal funds to individuals convicted of certain crimes)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES.

No funds made available under this Act, and no other Federal funds, may be used to make any payment to an individual in connection with a prosecution that resulted in the individual being convicted of a crime related to any of the following:

- (1) Interference in a State or Federal election.
- (2) Impersonation.
- (3) Identity theft.
- (4) Official misconduct.
- (5) Violation of duty in elections.
- (6) Failure to comply with the requirements of a Secretary of State.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, this week, former Colorado county clerk Tina Peters was released from prison after serving less than a quarter of her sentence for her role in trying to illegally corrupt Colorado's free and fair elections. I don't believe she deserved clemency, but wherever you stand on her release, taxpayers should never be forced to pay people who illegally undermine our elections.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what this administration's slush fund is for. They believe people like Tina Peters and the January 6 rioters should get cash payouts while American families struggle to afford groceries, housing,

and healthcare. The administration now says the fund is dead. We should not believe them.

My amendment prohibits the Federal Government from distributing taxpayer dollars to any individual convicted of election-related crimes. This vote should be 100 to zip because those who attack our democracy are not victims; they are criminals. Election criminals like Tina Peters do not deserve pardons, and they absolutely sure as damnation don't deserve a dime of your taxpayer dollars.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, we have gone 110 days with Border Patrol and ICE being defunded by the Democrats. The question I ask is, What do they want? Do they want to see more deaths?

In 2025 alone, in my home State, 41 Tennesseans died at the hands of illegal immigrants.

More fentanyl overdoses, is that what you want? I took a call from a father whose son didn't wake up on Thanksgiving morning because he got fentanyl into his system. I don't want to ever take a call like that again.

And do you want more national security risks? Think about it. Under the Biden administration, 1,500 Iranians were apprehended at the southern border, and 700 of them were admitted into the United States. We don't know where they are. And 24,000 Chinese nationals in 1 year were encountered at the southern border under Joe Biden. Is that what you want?

No. Here is what they want: They want to distract us from the fact that every Democrat is about to go out and vote to defund ICE, to defund law enforcement, and to keep our border unsecured.

POINT OF ORDER

Therefore, the pending amendment contains matters not within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee and thus is extraneous. Therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I encourage everyone to vote yes for this. We are trying to make sure slush fund dollars and taxpayer money don't go to people who break the law.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 145 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—47

Armstrong	Graham	Moody
Banks	Grassley	Moran
Barrasso	Hagerty	Moreno
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lankford	Sheehy
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Young
Fischer	McCormick	

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet
Ernst

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MOODY). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 47.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

The Senator from New Jersey.

AMENDMENT NO. 5545 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. KIM. Madam President, I call up my amendment No. 5545 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Jersey [Mr. KIM] proposes an amendment numbered 5545 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To make appropriations for the conduct of inspections of the Delaney Hall Detention Facility.)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of Detention Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,000,000 to each conduct, not later than 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, an unannounced inspection

of the Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey, in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) Each inspection required under subsection (a) shall assess—

(1) the standard and quality of food provided in the facility;

(2) the quality of, and access to, medical care at the facility;

(3) the conditions and use of solitary confinement measures at the facility;

(4) the security of the facility;

(5) detainees' access to legal counsel;

(6) the resources provided to detainees in the facility;

(7) the capacity of the staff at the facility to identify and appropriately address mental health issues found among detainees at the facility;

(8) detainee accounts of recent protests at the facility and whether use of force or retaliation tactics were deployed;

(9) mental health conditions of detainees and agents or officers serving at the facility; and

(10) the average length of stay for detainees and the number of detainees who have been detained for a period of more than 150 days.

(c) Not later than 7 days after each inspection is conducted pursuant to subsection (a)—

(1) the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Detention Oversight, as appropriate, shall submit a detailed summary of the findings of the inspection to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives; and

(2) such Office of Inspector General shall submit to the Attorney General a recommendation on whether the Attorney General should pursue charges for wrongdoing by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and agents or other Federal employees at the facility or who responded to protests.

(d) Not later than 7 days after both summaries have been submitted to Congress pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(1) submit the certification described in subsection (e)(2) to the congressional committees referred to in subsection (c); or

(2) submit a report to such congressional committees that identifies any operational deficiencies revealed in the inspections that have not yet been adequately remedied.

(e)(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall suspend all payments to the GEO Group with respect to its contract to operate the Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey, and halt the intake of new detainees at such facility until the inspections required under subsection (a) have been completed and the certification described in paragraph (2) has been submitted to Congress.

(2) Payments to the GEO Group may not resume and new detainees may not be admitted to the Delaney Hall Detention Facility until after the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the congressional committees referred to in subsection (c) that all operational deficiencies revealed by the inspections have been adequately remediated by the GEO Group.

Mr. KIM. Madam President, I met a man at Delaney Hall ICE detention facility. I found him in the medical isolation room. He was in a wheelchair due to a serious medical condition that

causes real pain from skeletomuscular breakdown.

He should have been in a hospital, but, instead, he was isolated in that cramped room for 5 months. Only after he and other detainees protested and got the Nation's attention was he able to get released this week from Delaney.

I wish I could tell you that his case was isolated. I wish I could tell you that there were no other problems, but there are many of these types of stories at Delaney Hall.

This amendment would have an audit of conditions at Delaney and require the for-profit company GEO Group, which is getting nearly a billion-dollar contract for that facility, to fix the problems or risk not getting any taxpayer dollars.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. Madam President, the DHS funding bill that we just passed in April included \$20 million in funding for defense facilities' inspections.

For months, Republicans have negotiated with Democrats to fund border security and immigration enforcement. Democrats walked away from these negotiations. Now they want to insist on terms for a bill they will not vote for.

Republicans are doing the responsible thing. We are funding our law enforcement officers and making sure our border remains secure. This amendment is a distraction from paying our Border Patrol and a poison pill to the bill.

The pending amendment would cause the underlying bill to exceed the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority or outlays.

POINT OF ORDER

Therefore, I raise a point of order against this amendment pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. KIM. Madam President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purpose of the pending measure. I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. KIM. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 146]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

(Mr. BUDD assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MOODY). On this vote, the yeas are 46, the nays are 53.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be the next in order: Warnock, a motion to commit, and Sanders No. 5451.

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

SENATOR COLLINS' 10,000TH VOTE

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I would ask unanimous consent for Members to have an opportunity to speak here to acknowledge a very important landmark here in the U.S. Senate.

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, 10,000 votes. Not only that—10,000 consecutive votes. That is the milestone Maine Senator SUSAN COLLINS will hit today—10,000 consecutive votes here in the U.S. Senate.

For nearly 30 years, SUSAN COLLINS has shown up for Mainers, has ensured that they are represented in every single vote the Senate takes, no matter what—not just the headline-making votes, every vote without fail.

SUSAN takes pride in the milestones she has achieved not because of any desire to have her name in the history books but because to her these votes are a tangible marker of the goal she has set for herself since she came to

the U.S. Senate, and that is ensuring that Mainers always have a voice. In her own words:

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have always sought to reflect that dedication by showing up to ensure our state is represented in the Senate for every single vote.

Well, she has delivered on that commitment—30 years of serving the people of Maine, and SUSAN COLLINS has never missed a chance to represent them.

So, SUSAN, congratulations on this incredible milestone and thank you—thank you—for your example of service.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. I will join my colleague and all of my colleagues in congratulating SUSAN COLLINS, who will cast her 10,000th consecutive rollcall vote in a few moments.

No matter what has been going on in the world or in her life, Senator COLLINS has never—never—missed a vote in her entire Senate career. This is truly a remarkable milestone. Many of us try hard to make every vote; Senator COLLINS has actually done it 10,000 times in a row.

Senator COLLINS and I belong to different parties and do not always see eye to eye, but 10,000 consecutive rollcall votes is an extraordinary streak by any measure, and I congratulate her on reaching it.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I want to join in extending my heartfelt congratulations to my colleague and friend Senator COLLINS as she marks this incredible milestone—the first Senator in America's history to have cast 10,000 consecutive votes in the U.S. Senate.

It is an impressive demonstration of endurance and determination, and I salute you for it.

We came to the Senate the same day, and so I asked my staff to check how many votes I had cast. It turns out, somewhere along the way, I have been denied over 100 opportunities to vote that Senator COLLINS had. I call on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations to look into this. I can't imagine what happened here.

But this much I am sure: This is a true record, and it is one that reflects her commitment to public service and, in my case, friendship. We have worked together in many different capacities.

I remember the days after 9/11 when your extraordinary leadership with Senator Lieberman, if I am not mistaken, led to the complete reform of the intelligence Agencies in our Nation. It was a dynamic legislative achievement, and I have talked to you about it many times.

Over the years, we have worked together on many issues. We invited one

another to our home States for town meetings. I don't know what a nor'easter is, but I can tell you that it was the damndest rainstorm I have ever been through when I went to Maine. I won't forget it.

But our friendship is sound, and my admiration for your achievement is one that is on the RECORD for all to witness.

Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Mr. KING. Madam President, I want to rise to also congratulate my colleague on a truly remarkable achievement that reflects her character and dedication to the people of this country.

I have to tell a very short story. She and I were together at a presentation once in Maine, sitting next to one another, and I got my report of how many times I had voted that session. It was 99.2. And I very proudly turned to Senator COLLINS and said:

Look: 99.2.

Her response was:

You'll never catch me.

And what she has achieved by this record is really remarkable. Our State is not one where the weather is always favorable and it is always easy to get here. And to have maneuvered through bad storms, snowstorms, nor'easters, and to be here for every single vote since the first day she set foot in this Chamber is a truly remarkable achievement. And I want to add my voice to those that have congratulated her and recognized her tonight for this.

Thank you. Thank you, Senator COLLINS.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I just want to thank my colleagues for their kind comments and for being on the floor on an occasion which means so much to me.

Growing up in northern Maine in Aroostook County, I learned the values of hard work, perseverance, and keeping your commitments. Mainers are known for their work ethic, and I have strived to bring those values here to my work representing them in the U.S. Senate. It is such an honor, and I am so grateful for the support of my colleagues. Thank you so much.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. WARNOCK. Madam President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Georgia [Mr. WARNOCK] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARNOCK. I ask that further reading of the motion be dispensed with.

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

The motion is as follows:

Mr. WARNOCK moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would amend the provision of law commonly referred to as the “False Claims Act” to require the Department of Justice to establish a task force to conduct investigations and make public findings and records relating to the causes of loss or denial of Medicaid coverage to eligible beneficiaries.

Mr. WARNOCK. Madam President, my friends on the other side of the aisle continue to falsely argue that their last reconciliation bill did not cut Medicaid. But now, nearly 1 year after this monstrosity passed—I call it the “One Big Ugly Bill”—millions of Americans, including children, are losing health insurance as they ram through another partisan bill that does nothing to make healthcare more affordable.

Just a few weeks ago, a report found that 1.75 million fewer kids were enrolled in Medicaid this year compared to last year. And earlier this week, the Trump administration released cruel guidance to States on how to implement the new Medicaid redtape requirements. In a word, they are making it harder for sick and disabled Americans to access healthcare.

Since Republicans refuse to reverse these harmful cuts, my amendment simply asks for transparency; that is it—the release of basic information on how this new redtape will restrict access to healthcare. If my colleagues have nothing to hide, they should have no problem with transparency to reveal the scale of coverage lost.

We have disagreements on this issue, but at least we ought to have the facts. So I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Madam President, the motion is right here. You know what words are not in here? Immigration enforcement and border protection.

We have been sitting here for almost 12 hours listening to nonsense after nonsense. You have refused to fund basic law enforcement for months. I was just in Latin America where vetted units have not gotten paid since February. Our entire immigration system in Latin America that goes after drug traffickers is collapsing because of unprecedented obstruction by Democrats.

I have had enough. It is time to vote to fund Border Patrol and ICE. This motion has nothing to do with that. I urge all my colleagues to vote no and send a message. And we will stay here so that SUSAN COLLINS can get to 20,000 votes if it takes it to fund ICE and Border Patrol.

So you guys go for it. I am ready to lock in. Let's go.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

VOTE ON MOTION

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. WARNOCK. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—52

Armstrong	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Murkowski
Barrasso	Hagerty	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hoeven	Risch
Britt	Husted	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormack	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Ernst	Moody	
Fischer	Moran	

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet Gallego

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MCCORMICK). The Senator from Vermont.

AMENDMENT NO. 5451 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, could we have some order in the Chamber, please.

I call up my amendment No. 5451 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] proposes an amendment numbered 5451 to Amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To place reasonable limits on contributions to Super PACs which make independent expenditures)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. LIMITATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES.

(a) LIMITATIONS.—Section 315(a)(1)(C) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52

U.S.C. 30116(a)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “to any other political committee” and inserting “to an independent expenditure committee or any other political committee”.

(b) DEFINITION.—Section 301 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30101) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(27) INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘independent expenditure committee’ means a political committee which—

“(i) makes independent expenditures aggregating \$5,000 or more during a calendar year; or

“(ii) makes contributions to other independent expenditure committees aggregating \$5,000 or more during a calendar year.

“(B) TREATMENT OF SEPARATE ACCOUNTS.—The term ‘independent expenditure committee’ includes an account of a political committee which is established for the purpose of making independent expenditures or contributions to other committees making independent expenditures.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to contributions and independent expenditures made during the first calendar year which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act and each succeeding calendar year.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, the American campaign finance system is not only broken, it is corrupt.

It allows billionaires to undermine our democracy and buy elections through their super PACs, and the American people want that to change.

Why are we the only major country on Earth not to guarantee healthcare to all? Why do we have an economy in which the top 1 percent gets richer and richer while 60 percent of our people live paycheck to paycheck? Why do we have a tax system in which billionaires are often paying an effective tax rate lower than truckdrivers or nurses?

And I think we all know the answer. When Members of Congress stand up for working families and take on oligarchs, they will face millions and millions of dollars of ugly 30-second ads from billionaire-funded super PACs, from the AI industry, from crypto, from AIPAC, from the military industrial complex, and from other special interests.

Let's get billionaire-funded super PACs out of our elections.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time is expired.

Mr. SANDERS. Let's support democracy and pass this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time is expired.

The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, once again, Democrats have an amendment that does not mention the words “border security,” that has nothing to do with the topic on the floor today, but there is also an old adage that hypocrisy is the tribute that vice pays to virtue.

The largest super PAC in America in 2024 was Future Forward. That was Kamala Harris' super PAC. Right behind that, you have the Senate Majority PAC. That is the PAC—Kamala Harris' had \$559 million, and the Senate Majority PAC helping elect Senate

Democrats had \$390 million. The House Majority PAC had \$260 million. The WinSenate PAC had \$311 million. And even Our Revolution, a 501(c)(4) supporting Senator SANDERS, spent millions. We don't know how much because it is dark money and not disclosed.

I will also note, at every Congress, I have introduced a bill called the SuperPAC Elimination Act that allows unlimited individual contributions directly to campaigns and requires immediate 24-hour disclosure. Not a single Democrat has ever been willing to join with me in that.

POINT OF ORDER

The pending amendment No. 5451 contains matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Rules Committee and, thus, is extraneous. Therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for purposes of the pending measure.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. SANDERS. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 45, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 148 Leg.]

YEAS—45

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Rosen
Baldwin	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
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden

NAYS—53

Armstrong	Cotton	Hawley
Banks	Cramer	Hoeben
Barrasso	Crapo	Husted
Blackburn	Cruz	Hyde-Smith
Boozman	Curtis	Johnson
Britt	Daines	Justice
Budd	Ernst	Kennedy
Capito	Fischer	Lankford
Cassidy	Graham	Lee
Collins	Grassley	Lummis
Cornyn	Hagerty	Marshall

McConnell	Ricketts	Sullivan
McCormick	Risch	Thune
Moody	Rounds	Tillis
Moran	Schmitt	Tuberville
Moreno	Scott (FL)	Wicker
Murkowski	Scott (SC)	Young
Paul	Sheehy	

NOT VOTING—2

Bennet Gallego

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 45, the nays are 53.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The majority whip.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be next in order: Baldwin No. 5485, then Booker No. 5803, Lee No. 5804, Durbin No. 5806.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

AMENDMENT NO. 5485 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I call up my amendment, No. 5485, and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Wisconsin [Ms. BALDWIN] proposes an amendment numbered 5485 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To redirect funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to the Child Care and Development Block Grant program)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ TRANSFER OF FUNDING TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, of the amounts made available to the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under section 202, \$14,270,000,000 shall be transferred to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.).

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to offer an amendment that will actually help millions of families just trying to make ends meet.

We all know the childcare crisis doesn't see State or political lines. In rural, urban, and suburban communities, I hear from families making hard choices just to ensure their kids have a safe place to be when they are at work.

And it is not just families who are hurting. I hear from businesses whose employees are leaving because someone has to stay home with the kids. When childcare is not accessible, our entire economy suffers.

While my colleagues work to cut a \$70 billion check for ICE and Border

Patrol, my amendment would redirect just some of that funding to ensure millions of American families have childcare.

Instead of giving a blank check to rogue ICE agents who have killed two American citizens, this would lower costs for families and give more children a strong start.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, it has been a long day. I think it is important for us to maybe take a step back at what we are here to do.

The Senator, my colleague on the Democrat side, mentioned dead Americans, so I thought it would be appropriate to mention some dead Americans: Laken Riley killed while jogging by an illegal from Venezuela; Rachel Morin, a mother of five from Maryland killed and raped by an El Salvadoran here illegally; Jocelyn Nungaray sexual assaulted and strangled by two Venezuelan men that were here illegally; Kayla Hamilton murdered by an MS-13 gang member; Ivory Smith.

I could go on. The names are endless. What we are here to do is fund ICE and Border Patrol to make certain that not another American citizen dies at the hands of an illegal.

POINT OF ORDER

And the pending amendment contains a matter which is not even within the jurisdiction of the HELP Committee; therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, do I have any time remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No time is remaining, Senator.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 149 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

Kelly	Padilla	Smith
Kim	Peters	Van Hollen
King	Reed	Warner
Klobuchar	Rosen	Warnock
Lujan	Sanders	Warren
Markey	Schatz	Welch
Merkley	Schiff	Whitehouse
Murphy	Schumer	Wyden
Murray	Shaheen	
Ossoff	Slotkin	

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 46, the nays are 53.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The Senator from New Jersey.

AMENDMENT NO. 5803 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. BOOKER. I call up my amendment No. 5803 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BOOKER] proposes an amendment numbered 5803 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To support the work performed by the Immigration Detention Ombudsman)

Beginning on page 5, line 25, strike "\$2,500,000,000" and all that follows through page 6, line 2, and insert the following: "\$2,471,359,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes provided in this title.

SEC. 105. OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION OMBUDSMAN.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$28,641,000 for the Immigration Detention Ombudsman, established under section 405 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 205).

SEC. 106. LIMITATION USE OF FUNDS.

None of the funds made available in this title may be used to reimburse or pay a contractor, subcontractor, or cooperating entity in the event the Immigration Detention Ombudsman established under section 405 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 205) finds substantiated misconduct, excessive force, or violations of law or detention standards by personnel of such contracted, subcontracted, or cooperating entity while conducting functions under subsection (b) of such section until the contracted, subcontracted, or cooperating entity has implemented recommendations made pursuant to paragraph (4) of such subsection.

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I rise to offer an amendment that would fund the independent Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman. I trust independent offices to provide oversight.

The Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman would conduct random inspections of detention facilities, receive and investigate complaints from detainees, and make recommendations for improvement.

The office was funded by us in a bipartisan appropriations bill each year since 2019, but it was unilaterally shut down by Donald Trump. My amendment would reopen the office, giving it full funding, and give it teeth to provide oversight of private corporations like the GEO Group which taxpayers are giving over a billion dollars to run our immigration system.

I believe it needs oversight and accountability; that is the job of Congress. In Newark, NJ, right now what is happening at Delaney Hall, an immigration detention center owned by GEO Group, is a moral stain on our Nation. They are providing inadequate access to medical care, substandard food, no ability to communicate with their families. There should be independent eyes looking at that and investigating it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time is expired.

Mr. BOOKER. Thank you very much. I urge my colleagues to vote for independence, oversight, and accountability.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, the DHS funding bill we passed in April included \$257 million for the inspector general and \$20 million specifically for detention facility inspections.

Republicans are doing the responsible thing today; we are funding our law enforcement officers and making sure our borders remain secure.

This amendment will cause the underlying bill to exceed the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority for ICE and is a poison pill for this bill.

POINT OF ORDER

Therefore, I raise a point of order against this amendment, pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, it might surprise you, despite the words of my colleague, that pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline, everything that applies, I move to waive all my good colleague's points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

And I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 150 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

Armstrong	Fischer	Moran
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeben	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
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Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Ernst	Moody	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The motion is rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The Senator from Utah.

AMENDMENT NO. 5804 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

(Purpose: To ensure only citizens are registered to vote in elections for Federal office, and to require voters to provide photo identification.)

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5804 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] proposes an amendment numbered 5804 to Amendment No. 5453.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, our elections need to be characterized by two things: We need to make it easy to vote and hard to cheat. And we need to do that by making sure that people establish their citizenship and, therefore, their eligibility to vote when they register and that they show who they are when they show up on election day.

This isn't hard. This isn't unusual. Every country in the entire world—countries you are familiar with, countries you are not; countries as wide ranging as Mexico, Brazil, India, Argentina, Peru, Botswana, Burundi—

they all have voter ID requirements. We do not.

We do not want to leave this amount of power sitting on the table so that foreign powers can send forth people who are not eligible to vote in this country and vote anyway.

We need to do this. The House of Representatives has passed the SAVE America Act. We now have the opportunity to vote on that same bill, the SAVE America Act, here.

This bill will disenfranchise no one. It will make us all more free. It will protect the sanctity, the dignity of your vote. When we allow people who are not allowed to vote to vote we rob Americans of their vote.

Let's make it easy to vote, hard to cheat. Let's pass this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, it is a *deja vu* all over again. Not only did this Senate, on a bipartisan basis, reject similar measures legislatively just a few weeks ago, but just a few hours ago, this Senate rejected a similar amendment on a bipartisan basis.

The Senator from Utah suggested we ought to be making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. We do make it harder to cheat. It is unlawful for non-citizens to vote in our elections. Every study, every audit, every report shows that voter fraud is exceedingly rare. There is simply no evidence of massive voter fraud.

But this measure doesn't make it easier to vote. You know, this and other measures that would eliminate vote-by-mail and make voter registration drives unlawful are not enabling civic participation. It is making it harder. It is wrong-headed.

We defeated it before. We should defeat it again. Please vote no on this measure.

POINT OF ORDER

And, therefore, Mr. President, I raise a point of order that the pending amendment is not germane and therefore violates section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, first of all, the Department of Homeland Security has found tens of thousands of registered noncitizens in the United States.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, I move to waive all provisions of the applicable budget resolutions. I move to waive all applicable sections of the act and all applicable budget resolutions for purposes of the pending amendment.

And I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Armstrong	Ernst	Moody
Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Risch
Budd	Hoeven	Rounds
Capito	Husted	Schmitt
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Collins	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Justice	Sheehy
Cotton	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tuberville
Cruz	Lummis	Wicker
Curtis	Marshall	Young
Daines	McCormick	

NAYS—49

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). On this vote, the yeas are 50, and the nays are 49.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The Senator from Illinois.

AMENDMENT NO. 5806 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5806 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], for himself and others, proposes an amendment numbered 5806 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To repurpose funds previously appropriated for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the timely processing of DACA applications and related employment authorization documents and to prohibit the use of funds to arrest, detain, deport, or remove DACA recipients)

On page 11, beginning on line 9, strike "\$2,500,000,000," and all that follows through line 12, and insert the following: "\$2,510,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes provided in this title or in paragraph (3) or (7) of section 100051 of Public Law 119-21: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this section shall be expended for the timely processing of renewal applications for deferred action and employment authorization

documents under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program pursuant to subpart C of part 236 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, while such regulation remains in effect.

"SEC. 204. FUNDING REDUCTION AND LIMITATION.

"(a) ICE FUNDING REDUCTION.—The amount appropriated under section 202 shall be reduced by \$10,000,000.

"(b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available under this title may be used to arrest, detain, deport, or remove, for a violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), any individual who is reasonably believed to be a recipient of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program pursuant to subpart C of part 236 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, unless the individual no longer meets the requirements of such program, while such regulation remains in effect."

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this amendment addresses a group of people that we are all familiar with: the DACA recipients. We will all recall that the DACA recipients came to the United States as infants, toddlers, and children.

To qualify for DACA, they have to register every 2 years and pay a \$600 fee, go through a complete criminal background check before they can be approved. If they violate the terms of the background check at any time, they are disqualified from DACA.

What they are looking for is a job, to legally work in the United States and not be deported and to pay taxes. They get no special benefits for being on DACA—no special government benefits.

This language basically says the DACA recipients will be protected from arrest and detention and removal. That is what the amendment does.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, first of all, this amendment, as you know, has no budgetary impact. You know that. You know it doesn't produce a change in outlays and revenues. Yet why do you guys continue to put up amendment after amendment when you know we are here to fund ICE and Border Patrol?

If you want to talk about Hispanic children, let's talk about Hispanic children. I am one. Do you know how many thousands of Hispanic children died during the Biden years trying to get to the U.S. border? Thousands. Do you know how many Hispanic children Biden lost track of? Three hundred-plus thousand. So don't give me the crocodile tears about what you guys want to do. You are making this country more dangerous by sitting here for 14 hours now not funding ICE and Border Patrol. Let's get to the business at hand and end this charade.

POINT OF ORDER

I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against section 204(b) of the amendment—for the 19th time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, do I have any time remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 10 seconds.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I would just say, remember, these DACA children who were brought here as children to the United States have gone through a criminal background check, paid their fees, and done everything they have been asked to do. To categorize them as dangerous to this country is to ignore the obvious.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 48, nays 51, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Leg.]

YEAS—48

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

NAYS—51

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 48, the nays are 51.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

The point of order is sustained, and the provision is stricken.

The Senator from Illinois.

And I would ask he be allowed to speak without interruption, please.

AMENDMENT NO. 5806 WITHDRAWN

Mr. DURBIN. I withdraw my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 5806) was withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the following amendments and motions be the next in order: Wyden motion to commit, Hirono 5506.

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

The Senator from Oregon.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask further reading of the motion be dispensed with.

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

The motion is as follows:

Mr. WYDEN moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would amend the provision of law commonly referred to as the "False Claims Act" to require the Department of Justice to establish a task force to conduct investigations and make public findings and records relating to confidential drug pricing agreements entered into by any Federal department, agency, or office with any pharmaceutical manufacturer, while protecting proprietary pricing information.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, there is nothing in this budget bill that is as important as holding down prescription drug costs for Americans. Meanwhile, Donald Trump says that he signed a deal with 17 pharmaceutical companies to get, and I quote here "the lowest priced drugs in the world."

Now, Trump wants Congress to put his deals into black letter law sight unseen.

My amendment requires the administration to publicly disclose the details on these Trump deals, and to find out what the savings are, and also to protect trade secrets and confidential information.

The Trump prescription drug deals are shrouded in secrecy. If they are what Donald Trump claims, there should be nothing to hide. This amendment gives Congress and the public the specifics on these drug deals once and for all. Patients, families, and taxpayers deserve nothing less.

I urge Senators to vote for this proposal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, this proposal has nothing to do with what we are discussing here this evening. For months, the Democrats have refused to fund law enforcement activities in this Nation, things we need to keep our borders secure and to keep our communities safe.

They have blocked it month after month after month after month, and in the face of this unprecedented obstruction, Republicans are here tonight past the hour of midnight doing the responsible thing: providing the funding on our own because the Democrats are not able or willing to help in any way.

This amendment is a political ploy that is going to jeopardize the privilege, kill this bill, and leave the brave men and women who protect us without pay, without resources.

I am, therefore, going to vote against and urge my colleagues to vote no on this proposal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, very briefly—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time has expired.

VOTE ON MOTION

Mr. WYDEN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The clerk will call roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 51, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Leg.]

YEAS—48

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

NAYS—51

Armstrong	Daines	Lummis
Banks	Ernst	Marshall
Barrasso	Fischer	McConnell
Blackburn	Graham	McCormick
Boozman	Grassley	Moody
Britt	Hagerty	Moran
Budd	Hawley	Moreno
Capito	Hoeben	Murkowski
Cassidy	Husted	Paul
Cornyn	Hyde-Smith	Ricketts
Cotton	Johnson	Risch
Cramer	Justice	Rounds
Crapo	Kennedy	Schmitt
Cruz	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Curtis	Lee	Scott (SC)

Sheehy Tillis Wicker
Thune Tuberville Young

NOT VOTING—1
Bennet

The motion was rejected.
(Ms. LUMMIS assumed the Chair.)
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The Senator from Hawaii.

AMENDMENT NO. 5506 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453
Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5506, and I ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Hawaii [Ms. HIRONO] proposes an amendment numbered 5506 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:
(Purpose: To transfer amounts for youth mentoring programs of the Department of Justice)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DOJ YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, of the amounts made available to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under this title, \$105,000,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Justice, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2029, to carry out the youth mentoring programs of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Department of Justice.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, rather than handing the administration another blank check for ICE, we should be investing in our future. Youth membership programs help prepare young people for the future while also helping parents of working and middle-class families who rely on these programs—programs provided through organizations like the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America. This is especially true at a time when these families are struggling under the skyrocketing costs due to the President’s illegal tariffs and illegal war. The DOJ’s youth mentoring programs provided \$105 million to support afterschool programs in fiscal year 2026.

My amendment with Senator VAN HOLLEN would double the funding for these programs over the next 4 years, expanding opportunities for at least 18,000 more students between fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2029.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator’s time has expired.

Ms. HIRONO. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment and investing in children and families across our country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, now here we are. Month after month after month, Democrats have refused to fund law enforcement activities that keep our borders secure and that keep our communities safe. In the face of unbelievable and unprecedented obstruction, Republicans are doing the responsible thing tonight. We are providing the funding on our own.

This amendment that we have just heard introduced is another political ploy, and it is designed to kill the bill. It will leave the brave men and women who protect us without pay and without the resources they need to do their jobs. I am, therefore, going to vote no, and I urge each of my colleagues to do the same.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5506

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of the amendment.

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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 154 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The amendment (No. 5506) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The Senator from Michigan.

AMENDMENT NO. 5763 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5763 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Michigan [Mr. PETERS] proposes an amendment numbered 5763 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To rescind unobligated balances under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act)

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . RESCISSION OF OBBBA FUNDS.

Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, all of the unobligated balances of amounts made available under title X of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved July 4, 2025 (Public Law 119-21; 139 Stat. 361) (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) shall be rescinded and transferred to the general fund of the Treasury to reduce the deficit.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, when my Republican colleagues passed President Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill, last year, they exploded the deficit spending \$4 trillion to give tax cuts to billionaires, and there are still billions of dollars from that bill that haven’t even been spent, while today my Republican colleagues are trying to spend an additional \$70 billion on top of that without any accountability.

This level of unchecked spending is completely irresponsible. Our national debt continues to rise, and, just last month, the size of our debt surpassed the size of our economy.

If we don’t take action to address this reckless spending and bring additional revenue, our country will continue barreling down this fiscally unsustainable path to face damaging economic, fiscal, and geopolitical consequences.

This amendment is very simple. It would simply return \$30 billion of unspent funds from the One Big Beautiful Bill to the U.S. Treasury to reduce our national deficit.

And I would urge that my colleagues not just talk about reducing the deficit. Let’s actually reduce the deficit today and go on the record and vote for it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, this amendment actually just cuts off funding to ICE and CBP. It all sounds good to say, “We are going to reduce the deficit,” but here is how they are reducing the deficit: opening the border, not funding ICE, not funding CBP.

The funding that we are actually trying to get today is the funding just for ICE and CBP for the next 3 years, because we have been in debate for months about just trying to fund Federal law enforcement to be able to fund the border security that we have got or security at our ports of entry.

My colleague knows very well the importance of the Detroit port of entry. That is one of the areas that would be defunded in this. It is CBP at the ports of entry.

We need to have our Customs inspections. We need to have Border Patrol. We need to have ICE actually doing their job.

So I would encourage my colleagues to vote no.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5763

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of amendment No. 5763.

Mr. PETERS. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 155 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The amendment (No. 5763) was rejected.

(Mr. MORENO assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be next in order: Gallego No. 5813 and Padilla No. 5808.

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

The Senator from Arizona.

AMENDMENT NO. 5813 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. GALLEGO. I call up my amendment No. 5813 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. GALLEGO] proposes an amendment numbered 5813 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To make funds available for the timely adjudication of DACA renewal applications)

On page 11, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following:

otherwise appropriated, \$2,489,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes provided in this title or in paragraph (3) or (7) of section 100051 of Public Law 119-21.

SEC. 204. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.

In addition to the amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$10,000,000, to adjudicate each renewal application for deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, and each associated application for an employment authorization document, in a timely manner.

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. President, it is a very simple amendment. It is simply an amendment that says that we need to recognize that there are many, many of our Dreamers right now that are terribly affected by their status as Dreamers.

They have been in this country. They have been serving their country one way or the other, whether it is as firefighters, as police officers, just as members of society. And under this administration, what used to be a 2-month—2-month—on average process for them to actually get their permits renewed as DACA recipients has now extended to 8 months. In that time period, these families have been exposed to potentially being deported, potentially being separated from their families for no good reason and no good cause. This amendment simply says that we change that.

So I really encourage everyone to join us and protect the tens of thousands of DACA recipients that have now become part of this country, and we can all do this in a manner that we can all agree would be best for this country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. In case my Republican colleagues are worried, you are not having a stroke. You are hearing the exact same exact amendment again; it is just 6 hours later after 18 hours of total nonsense.

This evening and the day we have just had is about funding ICE and Border Patrol. We will continue to say it. I don't know how many amendments you want to put up or how many times you want to do the same topic.

It is very simple. Democrats do not want to fund ICE and Border Patrol. Republicans do.

I urge my Republican colleagues to fund ICE and Border Patrol and reject this amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5813

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of amendment No. 5813.

Mr. GALLEGO. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Leg.]

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—52

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The amendment (No. 5813) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

AMENDMENT NO. 5808 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5808, and I ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from California [Mr. PADILLA] proposes an amendment numbered 5808 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To make appropriations for transparency and accountability)

At the end of section 202, add the following:

(10) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than \$300,000,000 for, in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security Policy Statement 045-07 issued on May 22, 2023, or any successor policy—

(i) implementation and deployment of body-worn cameras to law enforcement officers carrying out immigration enforcement activities authorized by the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

(ii) storage and to make accessible to Congress, and the subjects of such footage, footage captured by such cameras, in accordance with existing law.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, my amendment will specify that at least \$300 million of the ICE funding in the

Judiciary title must be used to ensure that all officers and agents wear body-worn cameras while engaging in immigration enforcement activities. Body cameras are already required by State and local law enforcement across the country, and it has been for years in many jurisdictions. What we have learned from that experience is that it is not just an important tool for transparency, but it helps keep agents accountable. It protects both the subject of enforcement actions as well as law enforcement officers themselves.

The DHS has said that, somehow, they want to implement body cameras but don't have the resources to do it—that is, despite sitting on more than \$100 billion of money that they haven't spent already. Therefore, this amendment will give them the specific funding that they claim they need.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, after 18 hours of us on the Republican side trying to fund ICE and Border Patrol, you will be shocked to know that now the Democrats are suggesting amendments for things that are already in the bill. We already authorized \$20 million in body cameras when we funded all of DHS except for ICE and Border Patrol, and in this bill, we give more money for body cameras for ICE agents.

Can we, please, stop the nonsense and get this over with? Let's fund ICE and Border Patrol. Let's go home, see our families, meet with our constituents, and get this over with.

I urge my colleagues to channel their inner Nancy Reagan and just say no.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5808

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on adoption of the amendment.

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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 157 Leg.]

YEAS—46

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

NAYS—53

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

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The amendment (No. 5808) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments or motions be the next in order: Coons No. 5457 and Cassidy No. 5812.

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

The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. I would also ask unanimous consent that the remaining votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Delaware.

AMENDMENT NO. 5457 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5457 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Delaware [Mr. COONS] proposes an amendment numbered 5457 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit the Department of Justice from using taxpayer funds to make settlement payments to individuals convicted of assaulting law enforcement officers on January 6, 2021)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____ PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FROM USING TAXPAYER FUNDS TO MAKE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON JANUARY 6, 2021.

The Department of Justice may not use taxpayer funds to make settlement payments to individuals convicted of assaulting law enforcement officers at or around the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, President Trump has previously announced the creation of a \$1.8 billion taxpayer-funded "victims of weaponization" slush fund.

And on May 19, I questioned Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche about this announced anti-weaponization fund: Specifically, would anyone convicted of assaulting police officers in or around our Capitol on January 6 be eligible for a payout from this fund?

The Acting Attorney General would make no such commitments, and so the Senate must.

My amendment is simple. It is one sentence:

The Department of Justice may not use taxpayer funds to make settlement payments to [any] individuals convicted of assaulting law enforcement officers at or around the [U.S.] Capitol on January 6, 2021.

It is not complicated.

If the administration won't rule out potentially multimillion-dollar payments to those who assaulted police on these grounds, we must.

I urge my colleagues to take up and pass this amendment alongside me and ensure that taxpayer funds won't be so badly misused in this way.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, there is a tragic Spanish novel called "Don Quixote," and that is what we are down to here at 3:15 in the morning. Now they have us chasing windmills. They want us to vote about funds that don't exist.

And please don't be like Sancho Panza. It turned out terribly for him.

To my colleagues: Stay focused. We are almost at the finish line. We are going to fund ICE and Border Patrol for the next 3½ years so that we never have to do this again during the administration of President Trump.

There is no such fund. It is a false flag. It is a windmill. It doesn't exist. And, most importantly, this pending amendment does not produce a change in outlays or revenues, as my colleagues know.

POINT OF ORDER

I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the most spoken about act from 1974 in American history, thanks to today.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, how much time do I have remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has no time remaining.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. COONS. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 45, as follows:

(Rollcall Vote No. 158 Leg.)

YEAS—54

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

NAYS—45

Armstrong	Ernst	McConnell
Banks	Fischer	McCormick
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Risch
Budd	Hoehn	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cornyn	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Kennedy	Sheehy
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Cruz	Lee	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Wicker
Daines	Marshall	Young

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MCCORMICK). On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 45.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments and motions be the final in order: Rosen motion to commit; Wyden motion to commit; Cortez Masto, 5463; Van Hollen, 5632; Schiff, 5740; Graham 5453.

I further ask that upon disposition of the amendments and motions, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended; finally, if passed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I would say one more time: 10-minute votes. Stay here. Let's get this done.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

AMENDMENT NO. 5812 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5812 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Louisiana [Mr. CASSIDY], for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN, proposes an amendment numbered 5812 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide compensation to law enforcement officers who defended the United States Capitol during the events that occurred at or near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON MAY 18, 2026.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT.—The term “eligible claimant” means an individual who—

(A)(i) served as an active duty law enforcement officer in defense of the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and

(ii) suffered economic loss, noneconomic loss, or death as a result of the attack on the United States Capitol, including suicide or other death that is reasonably attributable to the service of the individual on January 6, 2021; or

(B)(i) is the personal representative of a decedent who is an individual described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) files a claim on behalf of the decedent described in clause (i).

(2) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Anti-Weaponization Fund established by the Attorney General on May 18, 2026.

(3) UNITED STATES CAPITOL.—The term “United States Capitol” means the United States Capitol Building, Capitol grounds, and the surrounding congressional office buildings and Library of Congress buildings.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Fund shall be administered according to the terms and conditions of the Anti-Weaponization Fund.

(c) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS OF PAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized a lump sum payment to each eligible recipient under this subsection in an amount equal to the amount identified for such eligible recipient in the review and determination of a claim submitted pursuant to subsection (b).

(2) APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated and there are appropriated to the Fund, \$100,000,000, to remain available until termination under subsection (e).

(3) LIMITATION.—Existing amounts in the Fund and amounts appropriated pursuant to paragraph (2) may not be used for a purpose other than to make lump sum up payments under this subsection. No amounts in the Fund may be paid to anyone other than an eligible claimant under this section.

(4) OFFSET.—The amount appropriated to the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under section 202 shall be reduced by \$102,000,000.

(d) MAXIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR EACH CLAIMANT.—The amount payable to each eligible claimant under this section shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

(e) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Fund may not be obligated on or after September 1, 2029.

(2) CLOSING OF FUND.—Any unobligated balances in the Fund shall be transferred to the Judgment Fund of the Department of the Treasury.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, even though Attorney General Blanche says that the anti-weaponization fund will not be used, it is still part of an active settlement and absolutely can be used. But the fund is not needed for someone wronged by the Federal Government. The Federal Tort Claims Act allows any citizen wrongly targeted by the government to file a claim.

The one group that cannot are police officers attacked in this Capitol on

January 6—the police officers who were protecting the public, the Senators, and the Representatives. Now, this does not threaten the bill's privileged status, but it does help police officers injured while protecting us.

I urge a “yes” vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, what we have here is a failure to understand what is going on. We have been at it for 18 hours. There is no weaponization fund in this bill. Let me repeat: There is no weaponization fund in this bill.

Ironically, the author of this amendment is the one creating a weaponization fund and directing it to pay his chosen group of people.

This amendment is nothing more than a poison pill that would prevent us from doing what is at hand, and that is securing our border, enforcing our immigration laws.

Democrats and some others refuse to vote for \$1 for the border. Republicans have stepped up to do the job Democrats refuse to do. We cannot let them hijack this bill at the last moment with an unrelated issue.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, this is germane to the bill. It is in the Judiciary section. And by the way, it does not detract from our ability. And there is a fund out there that could be funded to use as an anti-weaponization fund.

We should make the same ability, the same access to redress to the officers who protected us.

I urge passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, this amendment would kill the bill. The budgetary effects of the pending amendment are merely incidental to the nonbudgetary components of the amendment; therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(D) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, it does not kill the bill. But pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution discipline that applies, I move to waive all points of order for purposes of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—47

Armstrong	Fischer	Moody
Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
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Cramer	Lankford	Sheehy
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Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Young
Ernst	McCormick	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, and the nays are 47.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Ms. ROSEN] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; (2) provide robust funding for the purpose of reimbursing fuel expenses accrued by on duty law enforcement officers and first responders (as defined in section 3025 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705)) in their respective emergency vehicles that remains available until the date on which the funds are expended or the average cost of gasoline for all formulations is the same as such average cost on February 27, 2026.

The motion to commit is as follows:

Ms. ROSEN moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee;

(2) provide robust funding for the purpose of reimbursing fuel expenses accrued by on duty law enforcement officers and first re-

sponders (as defined in section 3025 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10705)) in their respective emergency vehicles that remains available until the date on which the funds are expended or the average cost of gasoline for all formulations is the same as such average cost on February 27, 2026.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today to make a motion to send this bill back to committee so that it can be amended to include funding to reimburse law enforcement departments and first responders for increased expenses as a result of Donald Trump's sky-high gas prices.

This will help address the rising cost of gas under Donald Trump and the impact it is having on cash-strapped police departments and fire stations across this country. Let's provide relief to police departments and fire departments and first responder agencies who are being hurt by Trump's reckless policies.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this motion.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. It appears the noes have it. The motion is rejected.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that (1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and (2) safeguard the Department of Justice from partisan political influence and corruption, which may include nullifying the order of the Acting Attorney General issued May 19, 2026, relating to the release of certain claims.

The motion to commit is as follows:

Mr. WYDEN moves to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) safeguard the Department of Justice from partisan political influence and corruption, which may include nullifying the order of the Acting Attorney General issued on May 19, 2026, relating to the release of certain claims.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, as of a few days ago, every American taxpayer is subject to audit except for Donald Trump and all the members of the Trump family.

No matter what you think about the Trump family finances, no one can

deny that this is a double standard: one set of rules for an ultrawealthy individual—the most powerful person in the world—and another set of rules for everybody else.

This is unjustifiable, and all of us here know it. My amendment would send the bill back to committee so that the Senate can wipe out this egregious double standard.

The same tax rules ought to apply to everybody across the board. That is how you maintain fairness in the tax system. That is what my amendment is about.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

It appears the noes have it. The motion is rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 5463 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5463 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Ms. CORTEZ MASTO] proposes an amendment numbered 5463 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To appropriate amounts for local law enforcement hiring programs)

Strike section 202, and insert the following:

SEC. 202. APPROPRIATION FOR COPS HIRING PROGRAM.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Attorney General for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$31,075,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for grants under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)).

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, this amendment would take the excessive money Republican leadership is throwing at ICE and redirect it to local law enforcement instead.

Now, Republicans already gave ICE and CBP \$150 billion in their Big Beautiful Bill. Federal immigration enforcement has billions of dollars to operate for years to come. ICE doesn't need another \$31 billion from this bill on top of that.

We have seen the so-called policing that President Trump's ICE agents are doing, and it is not making our neighborhoods any safer. Americans don't need thousands of Federal agents terrorizing their streets. They need local police they can trust to follow the law they are enforcing. That is why this amendment would take this excessive funding for ICE and redirect it toward the COPS Hiring Program so that we can put over 200,000 local police officers in our States nationwide.

The Republicans today have said that Democrats are trying to defund law enforcement. This couldn't be further from the truth. How my colleagues vote on this amendment will prove that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time is expired.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I have a crazy idea for my colleagues to consider. I am just word-shopping this one out. I think what we should do, instead of figuring out how to hire more police officers and Federal law enforcement—here is a crazy idea: Why don't we pay them?

I think it is decently difficult to hire people when for 6 months our Democratic colleagues refused to pay Federal law enforcement. So why don't we focus our energies on funding Federal law enforcement, Border Patrol, and ICE.

Recruitment will happen naturally when we can put a big sign up that says: We will actually pay you for doing your job.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5463

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on adoption of the amendment.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 160 Leg.]

YEAS—45

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

NAYS—53

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

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Booker

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

AMENDMENT NO. 5632 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. I call up my amendment No. 5632 and ask that it be read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Maryland [Mr. VAN HOLLEN] proposes an amendment numbered 5632 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit the use of funds to provide payments to certain individuals)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.

No funds from the Anti-Weaponization Fund arising pursuant to the settlement agreement in Trump v. Internal Revenue Service, No. 1:26-cv-20609 (S.D. Fla.), or any successor fund, shall be used to provide any payment to an individual convicted of—

- (1) a crime against a child;
- (2) assaulting a police officer;
- (3) sexual assault; or
- (4) a crime of violence.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, President Trump was asked just the other day whether his slush fund was dead, and he said, "I don't know." He said, "I love it. I think it is important," which is why we should have voted tonight to finish off that taxpayer slush fund.

We didn't do it, but what we should do is make sure not a penny from that slush fund goes to individuals who have committed heinous crimes. Take, for example, a man that President Trump pardoned on his first day in office last year Andrew Paul Johnson who was later convicted of molesting two children.

He tried to buy the silence of those children by promising them that they would get some of the slush fund money they were going to get. Now, fortunately, he did not succeed in doing that, but what this amendment would do is make sure that that person or any person who committed a violent crime or assaulted a police officer would not be allowed to receive one penny of this taxpayer slush fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. MORENO. If I could just have my colleagues indulge me for just a second, if you could take out your phones, open up your favorite AI app, and type the following: How could a Democrat Senator make an annoying amendment to try and distract from their failure to fund ICE and Border Patrol?

It would say that you would put an amendment forward to force a time-consuming, awkward vote that would shift the media and public focus, create issues, generate sound bites, and portray the original border funding as incorrect.

If you go further, you would actually get the entire text of this amendment. And for that reason, this pending amendment does not produce a change in outlays or revenues.

POINT OF ORDER

I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget

Act of 1974 and section 204(b) of the amendment. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, if you ask AI whether it is a good idea to vote for this amendment, they would say yes.

I ask my colleagues, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purpose of the pending measure, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 161 Leg.]

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—46

Armstrong	Fischer	Moreno
Banks	Graham	Paul
Barrasso	Grassley	Ricketts
Blackburn	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Britt	Hoeben	Schmitt
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
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Cotton	Kennedy	Thune
Cramer	Lankford	Tillis
Crapo	Lee	Tuberville
Cruz	Lummis	Wicker
Curtis	Marshall	Young
Daines	McConnell	
Ernst	McCormick	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 46.

Three-fifths of the Senator duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The Senator from California.

AMENDMENT NO. 5740 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5453

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5740 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from California [Mr. SCHIFF] proposes an amendment numbered 5740 to amendment No. 5453.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for limitations on judgments, awards, and compromise settlements under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. DRAIN THE SLUSH FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) No judgment, award, compromise settlement, interest, or costs shall be authorized for payments that arise out of a lawsuit or claim filed by the President or Vice President.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—This section, and the amendments made by this section, shall apply to any pending case or any cause of action arising on or after January 20, 2025.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, Members, this amendment is very brief. Its operative language is a single sentence. It provides:

No judgment, award, compromise settlement, interest, or costs shall be authorized for payments that arise out of a lawsuit or claim filed by the President or Vice President.

That is it. It doesn't single out any President in particular—not past, not present, not future. It applies to all.

Does anyone here believe this slush fund is a good idea? If there is anyone here who believes it is a good idea, say so. Speak out. Say so.

Does anyone think this is a good idea? Anyone?

If not, let's do something about it. Support this amendment, and let's put this to rest for good. I urge an “aye” vote.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, there is no slush fund. We have discussed this ad nauseam for hours. But I will ask—I will actually be inspired by my colleague from California.

Does anybody think it is a good idea to fund ICE? Anyone? Do you think it is a good idea to fund our Border Patrol? Do you think it is a good idea to fund Federal law enforcement? Let's do it.

The budgetary effects of the pending amendment are merely incidental to the nonbudgetary components of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Therefore, I raise a point of order under section 313(b)(1)(D) of the infamous and very well-known and world-renowned Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act and all budget resolution disciplines that apply, I move to waive all points of order for the purposes of the pending measure.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 162 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—48

Armstrong	Fischer	McCormick
Banks	Graham	Moody
Barrasso	Grassley	Moran
Blackburn	Hagerty	Moreno
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cornyn	Johnson	Schmitt
Cotton	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lankford	Sheehy
Cruz	Lee	Thune
Curtis	Lummis	Tuberville
Daines	Marshall	Wicker
Ernst	McConnell	Young

NOT VOTING—1

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 48.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, almost 19 hours later, we are actually going to talk about the bill and what is in it. There is \$69.5 billion that this amendment covers: \$38.6 billion for ICE—the training, equipment, and support for ICE; \$108.5 million allotted for child exploitation investigations; \$22.6 billion for the Border Patrol—the hiring, training, equipment, and personnel; \$3.5 billion for improvements in border security; and \$5 billion to help DHS through 2029.

What we are about to do is fund the Border Patrol and ICE through the entire Trump term because you wouldn't help us. America will be safer.

I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, after tonight's vote, it is clear to Americans that Republicans refuse to outlaw Donald Trump's \$2 billion slush fund. Now the whole country can see the truth:

Republicans fought like hell to please Donald Trump and his slush fund but didn't lift a finger to help working Americans lower their costs.

Think about it: Because Republicans refused to support our amendment, the only thing standing between Donald Trump and \$2 billion in American taxpayer money to enrich himself, his billionaire cronies, and his cop-beating insurrectionists is a promise from Todd Blanche that could evaporate in a minute. That is not accountability. That is a permission slip.

I urge a “no” vote.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5453

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of the amendment.

The amendment (No. 5453) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the third time.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON S. 2

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass, as amended?

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 163 Leg.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Ossoff
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Padilla
Blumenthal	Hirono	Peters
Blunt Rochester	Kaine	Reed
Booker	Kelly	Rosen
Cantwell	Kim	Sanders
Coons	King	Schatz
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Schiff
Duckworth	Lujan	Schumer
Durbin	Markey	Shaheen
Fetterman	Merkley	Slotkin
Gallego	Murkowski	Smith
Gillibrand	Murphy	Van Hollen
Hassan	Murray	

Warner Warren Whitehouse
Warnock Welch Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

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The bill (S. 2), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 2

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Secure America Act”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Sec. 101. U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

Sec. 102. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sec. 103. Border security, technology, and screening.

Sec. 104. Additional Department of Homeland Security appropriations.

TITLE II—COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Sec. 201. U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Sec. 202. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sec. 203. Additional Department of Homeland Security appropriations.

TITLE I—COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**SEC. 101. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PERSONNEL.**

(a) **PERSONNEL.**—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$9,550,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, to hire, pay, train, and equip Border Patrol agents and Border Patrol support personnel to conduct functions other than immigration enforcement and customs functions.

(b) **RESTRICTION.**—None of the funds made available by subsection (a) may be used to recruit, hire, or train personnel for the duties of processing coordinators after October 31, 2028.

SEC. 102. U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$7,450,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, to hire, pay, train, and equip Homeland Security Investigations agents and support personnel and to provide other necessary expenses for Homeland Security Investigations’ mission support and operations and maintenance, of which \$108,500,000 shall be used to hire, pay, and equip additional child exploitation investigators and forensics analysts at the Victim Identification Laboratory of the Child Exploitation Investigations Unit of Homeland Security Investigations and at the Homeland Security Investigations offices of the Special Agent in Charge to support the identification and rescue of victims of child sexual exploitation and abuse, and to train such personnel and State and local law enforcement regarding identifying victims of child sexual exploitation and abuse within the Homeland Security Investigations Cyber Crimes Center, except that funds provided in this section shall

be used for functions other than those related to Homeland Security Investigations’ immigration enforcement and customs enforcement missions.

SEC. 103. BORDER SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, AND SCREENING.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2029, \$3,450,000,000 for the following:

(1) Procurement and integration of nonintrusive inspection equipment and associated civil works, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, and other innovative technologies, as well as other mission support, to combat the entry or exit of illicit narcotics at ports of entry and along the southwest, northern, and maritime borders.

(2) Air and Marine operations’ upgrading and procurement of new platforms for rapid air and marine response capabilities.

(3) Upgrades and procurement of border surveillance technologies along the southwest, northern, and maritime borders.

(4) Necessary expenses, including the deployment of technology, relating to the biometric entry and exit system under section 7208 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1365b).

(5) Enhancing border security by combating drug trafficking, including fentanyl and its precursor chemicals, at the southwest, northern, and maritime borders.

(6) Necessary expenses for U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s mission support and operations and maintenance for functions other than those related to its immigration enforcement and customs missions.

(b) **RESTRICTIONS.**—None of the funds made available under subsection (a) may be used for the procurement or deployment of surveillance towers along the southwest border and northern border that have not been tested and accepted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to deliver autonomous capabilities.

(c) **DEFINITION OF AUTONOMOUS.**—In this section, with respect to capabilities, the term “autonomous” means a system designed to apply artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer vision, or other algorithms to accurately detect, identify, classify, and track items of interest in real time such that the system can make operational adjustments without the active engagement of personnel or continuous human command or control.

SEC. 104. ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes provided in this title.

TITLE II—COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
SEC. 201. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$13,020,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for hiring, paying, training, and equipping U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents, and the necessary support staff, and to provide other necessary expenses for U.S. Customs and Border Protection mission support and operations and maintenance, in order to carry out immigration enforcement activities.

SEC. 202. U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$31,075,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the following purposes:

(1) **HIRING, PAYING, AND TRAINING.**—Hiring, paying, training, and equipping U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel and the personnel for all its directorates, including officers, agents, investigators, attorneys and support staff, to carry out immigration enforcement activities.

(2) **TRANSPORTATION.**—Funding for transportation costs and related costs associated with alien departure or removal operations.

(3) **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**—Funding for information technology maintenance and sustainment to support enforcement and removal operations, including improvements to fee collections and body-worn cameras.

(4) **FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND SUSTAINMENT.**—Funding for facility maintenance and sustainment to support enforcement and removal operations.

(5) **FLEET MAINTENANCE AND SUSTAINMENT.**—Funding for fleet maintenance and sustainment to support enforcement and removal operations.

(6) **287(G) AGREEMENTS.**—Supporting coordination with state and local authorities by expanding, facilitating, and implementing agreements under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)).

(7) **OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR.**—Hiring and paying attorneys and the necessary support staff within the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor to represent the Department in immigration enforcement and removal proceedings.

(8) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**—Necessary expenses for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s mission support, including awards, and operations and maintenance for its immigration enforcement functions.

(9) **OPERATIONS BY U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT TO ARREST RELEASED COVERED UNLAWFUL ALIENS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less than \$350,000,000 for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for necessary expenses, in accordance with existing law, of detainer management, detainer issuance, custodial transfer, release monitoring, transportation, and arrests of covered unlawful aliens encountered in jurisdictions that are not qualified cooperating jurisdictions, except that no Indian tribal government shall be treated as a jurisdiction that is not a qualified cooperating jurisdiction for purposes of this subparagraph.

(B) **QUALIFIED COOPERATING JURISDICTION DEFINED.**—In this paragraph, the term “qualified cooperating jurisdiction” means a State or political subdivision of a State that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act—

(i) is party to a written agreement in effect under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)); or

(ii) has in effect, and has filed with the Secretary in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe, a certification that such State or political subdivision is in compliance with section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373) and section 434 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1644).

(C) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—None of the funds appropriated pursuant to this paragraph may be used, except as required by existing law, to release, parole, place on alternatives to detention, transport for purposes

of release, or otherwise facilitate the release into the community of any covered unlawful alien encountered.

(D) COVERED UNLAWFUL ALIEN DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “covered unlawful alien” means an adult alien who—

(i) is described in section 236(c)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(c)(1));

(ii) is inadmissible under section 212(a)(2) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2));

(iii) is deportable under section 237(a)(2) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2));

(iv) following an arrest, charge, booking, or conviction for a criminal offense under Federal, State, or local law, other than a minor traffic offense, is the subject of an immigration detainer, notice request, or custody-transfer request issued by the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to section 236, 241(a), or 287 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1226, 1231(a), or 1357); or

(v) has been charged with or convicted of an offense described in section 275 or 276 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1325 or 1326).

SEC. 203. ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the purposes provided in this title or in paragraph (3) or (7) of section 100051 of Public Law 119-21.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that the Senate has received a message from the House to accompany S. 1318.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1318, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 164 Leg.]

YEAS—47

Armstrong	Daines	McCormick
Banks	Ernst	Moody
Barrasso	Fetterman	Moran
Blackburn	Fischer	Moreno
Boozman	Graham	Murkowski
Britt	Grassley	Ricketts
Budd	Hagerty	Risch
Capito	Hoeven	Rounds
Cassidy	Husted	Scott (SC)
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Sheehy
Cornyn	Johnson	Sullivan
Cotton	Justice	Thune
Cramer	Lankford	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Wicker
Cruz	Marshall	Young
Curtis	McConnell	

NAYS—52

Alsobrooks	Kelly	Schatz
Baldwin	Kennedy	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kim	Schmitt
Blunt Rochester	King	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Scott (FL)
Cantwell	Lee	Shaheen
Coons	Luján	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Tuberville
Durbin	Murphy	Van Hollen
Gallego	Murray	Warner
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warnock
Hassan	Padilla	Warren
Hawley	Paul	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden
Hirono	Rosen	
Kaine	Sanders	

NOT VOTING—1

Bennet

The motion was rejected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 744.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Anthony W. Mattivi, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 744, Anthony W. Mattivi, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Mike Rounds, John Barrasso, Ted Budd, Jim Banks, Rick Scott of Florida, Todd Young, David McCormick, Shelley Moore Capito, Jerry Moran, Jon Husted, John Boozman, Mike Crapo, Katie Boyd Britt, Eric Schmitt.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the reconciliation

bill, S. 2, it is my intention to make the following motions to the bill:

A motion to commit the bill S. 2 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would require—

(A) the Department of Justice to evaluate confidential drug pricing agreements entered into by any Federal department, agency, or office with any pharmaceutical manufacturer; and

(B) that the provision of law commonly referred to as the “Freedom of Information Act” be amended in a manner that would require the public release of all such agreements, while protecting proprietary pricing information.

SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, I oppose S. 2 and believe it reflects profoundly misplaced priorities for America. Accordingly, it is my intention to make the following motions to commit the bill:

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back to the Senate with provisions that require the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice to distribute grant funds from fiscal year 2025 that have yet to be disbursed.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back with provisions that would prohibit officers and agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection from entering any home without a warrant issued by a court created under article III of the Constitution of the United States.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back with changes that would lower the cost of prescription drugs.

A motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back with changes that would require the executive branch to provide automatic and full refunds of all tariffs held illegal by the Supreme Court on February 20, 2026.

SECURE AMERICA ACT

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, earlier today I called up my amendment No. 5535 to expand the HOME Investment Partnerships Program that would send money to all 50 States and help build 7 million new homes nationwide. Because I only had 1 minute to speak, I wanted to provide for the Record how the amendment would help build at least the following housing units in each State:

70,000 homes in Alabama; 10,000 homes in Alaska; 130,000 homes in Arizona; 55,000 homes in Arkansas; 980,000 homes in California; 135,000 homes in Colorado; 85,000 homes in Connecticut; 15,000 homes in Delaware; 400,000 homes in Florida; 200,000 homes in Georgia; 25,000 homes in Hawaii; 30,000 homes in Idaho; 280,000 homes in Illinois; 135,000 homes in Indiana; 60,000 homes Iowa; 45,000 homes in Kansas; 85,000 homes in Kentucky; 100,000 homes in Louisiana; 20,000 homes in Maine; 130,000 homes in Maryland;