

vote in trying to ban the fund. The American people will remember how Senate Republicans sided with Trump instead of them, and it doesn't bode well for the GOP.

Yesterday, Trump showed how empty Todd Blanche's promise is to drop the MAGA slush fund. Asked whether he would stop trying to give cash payouts to his corrupt cronies, convicted criminals, and January 6 insurrectionists, Trump said:

If it was up to me, I'd pay them the kind of money that they deserve.

What they deserve? The only thing January 6 insurrectionists deserve for maiming police officers is to sit in a prison cell, but Donald Trump and Senate Republicans think the rioters deserve a cut of Americans' paychecks.

Trump went on to say:

I think the weaponization fund is a great idea, and so do many other Republicans.

Listen to that, America. Donald Trump has no intention of dropping his slush fund.

You don't have to be a Senator to see just how corrupt—just how crooked—Trump's slush fund scheme is, but Senate Republicans chose not—not—to outlaw Trump's plan to line his pockets with Americans' tax dollars. Senate Republicans are complicit in Trump's corruption.

Democrats set up a procedure and used reconciliation to show exactly where Republicans stood on the slush fund, and the American people were aghast. Republicans could have supported Democratic amendments to ban the slush fund permanently. Republicans could have voted for our amendment to prevent taxpayer-funded payouts to violent January 6 rioters. Republicans could have stood with the American people, but, instead, they reaffirmed their loyalty to Trump and his corrupt administration.

IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, yesterday marked 100 days since Donald Trump launched one of the most foolish misadventures in the history of American foreign policy. Trump launched his disastrous war with Iran without a clear objective, without a coherent strategy, and without a care for how it would endanger our brave servicemembers and hurt the American people.

One hundred days later, Trump still has no idea how to extricate America from this mess of his own making, and he still doesn't seem to care that the American people are struggling to bear the costs at the gas pump every day.

Trump said it himself:

I don't think about Americans' financial situation.

He doesn't think about it—the No. 1 issue facing the American people, and he doesn't think about it. What kind of President is that?

Trump had better start thinking about Americans' financial situation

because, as it becomes more and more dire, Americans are becoming more and more livid. Costs on everything from gasoline to groceries to consumer goods are through the roof because of Trump and his war. American families have spent an extra \$750, on average, these past 100 days to meet the rising costs of Trump's war, and every time Americans go to the pump and see a gallon of gasoline costing well over \$4, they know whom to blame—Donald Trump.

For 100 days, Trump has claimed that peace is just days away, only for negotiations to crumble over and over and over again. Trump's efforts at peace by press release won't stop the fighting. Congress need to reassert its powers under the Constitution and end this war. Soon, Senate Democrats will force another vote on a War Powers Resolution to end the war—the ninth opportunity we have given Republicans to do their jobs and dig themselves and Trump out of this hole.

The walls are closing in on Trump and the U.S. economy. Republicans need to find their courage and end this war.

NEW YORK KNICKS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, on the Knicks playing tonight, New Yorkers love the New York Knicks. Some of us remember the good old days when the Knicks won the championship with Debusschere and Bradley at the forward, with Willis Reed in center, and with Earl the Pearl and Clyde as the point guards. Those were the glory days, and the glory days are back.

So, with the New York Knicks set to play the San Antonio Spurs in a few hours, tonight ought to be all about the game, the players, and the fans, but Donald Trump wants to make tonight all about himself like he always does. Midtown has to shut down. Bars near the Garden are about to take a huge hit on what should be their biggest night of the year, and free watch parties near the arena have been canceled because Trump can't bear letting anyone else be the center of attention for one night.

After waiting nearly three decades to see the Knicks play in the finals, New Yorkers deserve better than this.

Knicks fans would give Trae Young wearing a Reggie Miller jersey a warmer welcome than the one they will give Donald Trump when he walks into Madison Square Garden tonight. Knicks fans know that tonight is about New York, not about any one New Yorker.

Best of luck to the Knicks tonight. You will hear us from the streets of New York to the Senate floor: "Knicks in Four!"

I yield the floor.

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. BANKS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CRANE

Mr. BANKS. Madam President, Indiana sits at the crossroads of America, but we also sit at the crossroads of more than just freight traffic and geography. Indiana is also the crossroads of our country's defense industrial base.

Indiana's defense and manufacturing industry is helping to make America stronger each and every single day. And now that one of our most important military assets, the Naval Weapons Station Crane, will be getting a one-star Reserve flag officer, Indiana's defense industry will be stronger than it has ever been before.

And I just wanted to come to the floor today, as we begin this week, and talk about the important role that Indiana is playing in leading America's defense industry.

Indiana has one of the highest concentrations of manufacturing jobs anywhere in the country, and we have a great business environment, which is why we have a major defense footprint. In my backyard, in Fort Wayne, IN, a number of companies are located there, like BAE Systems, L3Harris, Raytheon, Ultra Maritime, and General Dynamics. They all call Northeast Indiana, where I live, home, employing thousands of Hoosiers.

Indiana leads the Nation, as well, in steel production, and the steel mills in Burns Harbor forge the steel plates that make up our Navy's ships.

And Indiana is home, as well, to some of the brightest minds that are working in national security and national defense. We have top engineering schools that send their graduates to Crane Navy base. Schools like Purdue, Notre Dame, Trine, and Rose-Hulman pump out a lot of engineers who get good-paying jobs at Crane and in a number of these defense companies.

At Purdue University, the Hypersonics and Applied Research Facility is running some of the most advanced wind tunnel tests anywhere in the world, and the results of those tests will help better our advanced missile technology.

Purdue also has a presence at Crane at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park, a 750-acre campus dedicated to the research and development of hypersonics, energetic materials, and micro-electronics.

At Notre Dame, the Hypersonic Systems Initiative is focused on researching and developing advanced hypersonic flight vehicles. Notre Dame is also part of the Naval Engineering Education Consortium, a Navy-funded research and workforce bridge that allows Notre Dame students and faculty to work on hypersonics projects that are taking place at Crane Naval Base.

But perhaps more important than all of that, our coveted asset is the Crane

Naval Weapons Station. Crane is the third largest Navy base in the world. A lot of people don't even know it exists, and it is in Indiana. In less than a decade, Crane has made nearly 2,000 new hires and has had over \$3 billion of economic impact on the State of Indiana. It has been incredible to watch Crane grow into a truly state-of-the-art defense industrial powerhouse.

Earlier this year, I took part in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Prometheus project at Crane. Prometheus will be a leader in the production of solid rocket motors, which are vital for critical munitions that are increasingly in short supply. And I was proud to fight hard here in Congress to secure \$150 million in the One Big Beautiful Bill to help projects like Prometheus take off. Crane is doing some of the most advanced missile and hypersonic testing and development anywhere in the world. I also helped secure almost half a billion dollars for the MACH-TB Program, a joint Department of War effort to accelerate hypersonics testing, which is also taking place at Crane.

Crane is also, by the way, managing the MACH-XL Program, another Department of War initiative designed to accelerate the development, testing, and production of affordable high-speed hypersonic weapon systems. And Crane is also leading the development of the Navy's nuclear sea-launched cruise missile, also known as SLCM-N.

I could go on for a long time. I am very proud of what happens at Crane and what is going on in Indiana. I have only scratched the surface of the incredible defense projects taking place in my great State. But it is precisely because of how important our defense industrial industry is, especially at Crane, that I applaud Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and Acting Secretary of the Navy Hung Cao's decision to assign a one-star flag officer to Crane—a really important development for our State. This is the most significant expansion of Crane since its creation. It will bring game-changing new authorities and manpower to our State and further cements Indiana as the heart of America's hypersonic enterprise.

The one-star position will be responsible for integrating the Navy's nuclear sea-launched cruise missile and conventional prompt strike weapons systems into and onto surface ships and submarines. It will bring more manpower, more authority, and high-skilled jobs to Indiana while strengthening Crane's role in protecting our country. Our country will be stronger because of this move that Secretary Hegseth and Acting Secretary Hung Cao have made.

President Trump and Secretary of War Hegseth are rebuilding our Nation's military to make it even more lethal than it already was, and part of making our military stronger is by re-vamping our defense industrial base. Look no further than the great State of Indiana, which is leading the charge and showing the rest of the country

what a robust defense industrial base can look like.

Hoosiers will continue to work hard to make our country safer, and I look forward to welcoming this one-star Navy admiral to Crane when he arrives later this year.

I thank the Presiding Officer for her time. I love to brag about Indiana and our defense industrial base and all the great things happening in our State to contribute to our national defense and our national security.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). The Senator from Indiana.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BANKS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Mattivi nomination.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

NOMINATION OF ANTHONY W. MATTIVI

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, the Senate will, here this evening, soon vote or at least begin the nomination process to vote for Tony Mattivi to serve as a U.S. district judge for the District of Kansas.

I have often said that one of the most important responsibilities given to the U.S. Senate is that of providing advice and consent on judicial nominations.

Over many years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Mattivi, and I have seen firsthand his dedication to public service, to our justice system, and to our country.

He is a graduate of the Metropolitan State College of Denver and Washburn University Law School in Topeka, KS. During law school orientation, he met his wife Mary, who now serves as a Shawnee County district judge, a State judge, and they have three children.

Mr. Mattivi served as a Federal prosecutor for more than 20 years, handling complex cases on behalf of the Department of Justice involving drug trafficking, violent crime, and terrorism.

Following his time in Federal service, Mr. Mattivi was confirmed as the director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, providing him with additional capabilities and utilizing his capabilities in additional law enforcement responsibilities. He has provided strong leadership at the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the KBI, and he has made the public safer, as is his priority.

I am the chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of Justice, and in that regard, I have worked with Mr. Mattivi throughout his time as the director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. He has demonstrated his devotion to serving Kansans and improving the judicial system, and I am confident his experience in the courtroom and in law en-

forcement will aid him well on the Federal bench.

During the White House's selection process to fill vacancies in Kansas' U.S. district courts, I met again with Mr. Mattivi and had a serious conversation about this position—this being his becoming a district judge for the Federal District of Kansas. As he has throughout his career, he continued to impress me with his qualifications, experience, and commitment.

For these reasons, I urged the White House to nominate him, and I am confident Mr. Mattivi will serve Kansans well in performing this role. I now urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination to serve as a U.S. district judge for the District of Kansas.

Madam President, that concludes my remarks about Mr. Mattivi, and I now ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled rollcall vote occur immediately.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Anthony W. Mattivi, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

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

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