

Over the last several years, the Bears have stated their intentions in multiple jurisdictions, today's announcement is not surprising.

Again, the mayor of Chicago is blaming others for his own lack of leadership.

Yet the mayor of Chicago also had this to say:

Law enforcement is a sickness. This is a man who just doesn't have his priorities straight. He is anti-police. He is one of the "defund the police" Democrats from a city that has high violent crime rates, and he is mad that the Chicago Bears are saying: We are leaving Chicago and Illinois because there is a better deal to be had in the great State of Indiana, 30 minutes away from where we are currently located.

You see the type of failed leadership in Illinois and the type of successful leadership in my State of Indiana.

I want to just finish my thoughts with this because I think this sums it up. Another great Hoosier, Pat McAfee, sums this up quite well as we talk about what Indiana means and the type of leadership that we have in Indiana and how we have seized upon this incredible, historic opportunity and why the Chicago Bears have said "enough is enough" of the failed leadership and the high-tax, anti-family, anti-police, "defund the police," leftwing policies of Illinois. Pat McAfee sums this up quite well.

He said:

Indiana has always been open for business. . . . They pieced this Bears' deal together so fast.

That is the type of great leadership that all of America is looking to.

For the first time in my life, I say: Go Bears!

I can't wait to drive an hour and a half up U.S. 30, from where I live, to go cheer on the Chicago Bears when this stadium is built in a few years in Hammond, IN. I think there are going to be a lot more Chicago Bears fans out there when this stadium is built. There are going to be a lot of Hoosiers who are going to go to this new stadium and a lot of people from Illinois who are going to be coming over the State line and seeing even more of the very best of what Indiana has to offer.

So this is good news for Indiana and bad news for Chicago and Illinois, but when you hear statistics like that, you cannot blame the Chicago Bears organization for making the decision they did.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). The Senator from California.

JUNE 12 ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, 1 year ago tomorrow, you may recall that I was in the Federal building in West Los Angeles, on business, awaiting a scheduled briefing, when I was physically forced out of a press conference. I was forced to the ground and handcuffed—not because I had broken any laws, mind you, but for the simple fact that I tried to ask a question of then-Homeland Security Secretary Noem.

I was in that building—I was in that office—in my capacity as a U.S. Sen-

ator for a scheduled briefing with the four-star general in charge of U.S. Northern Command because I was seeking answers and had been seeking answers not just for days but for weeks and months on what had become an unprecedented, unlawful, cruel immigration enforcement campaign that Donald Trump had unleashed on Los Angeles.

You will remember the visuals of masked ICE agents not identifying themselves and of CBP officers who were armed as if they were heading into war, indiscriminately stopping people, sweeping up immigrants—undocumented immigrants, legal immigrants, even some U.S. citizens. But they didn't care because they were going after anyone who looked like an immigrant. They were knocking down doors to homes without having signed judicial warrants. They were breaking the windows of cars and dragging people out of their vehicles. They were raiding worksites, the parking lots of home improvement stores, even public parks where kids and families were playing. This was all happening in a matter of days in Los Angeles.

It seemed like the administration was just doing one thing after another to escalate tensions. The President not only federalized and deployed National Guard troops into Los Angeles to assist with this "mission," but at one point, Active-Duty marines were sent into Los Angeles, but it was not for public safety reasons, as this was done against the wishes of the Governor, against the wishes of the mayor, and against the wishes of the police chief and the sheriff.

So, yes, I wanted answers—answers that weren't coming from the Department of Homeland Security here in the Senate during formal committee hearings and answers that weren't coming in response to formal inquiries that we had made as Senators or in response to letters that had been submitted by me and by several of my colleagues.

Instead, as I was in the Federal building awaiting a briefing and was told my briefing was delayed because the general was in a press conference with the Secretary of Homeland Security, I thought: Well, let me try to go in and listen. Maybe I will hear some of the information that I had been trying so hard to get.

So I was escorted by a National Guard member and an FBI agent to the press conference, where I stood to the side quietly and just listened. I heard not for the first time and not even for the first time that day that Secretary Noem shared with the public that the mission of this operation was to "liberate" Los Angeles from its duly-elected leaders. At that moment, I was compelled to speak up because that is not enforcing the law; that is an abuse of the U.S. military and of Federal law enforcement—a reflection of the desires of a wannabe dictator.

As you have seen from the video, before I could even get a question out,

they did their best to try to silence me. They were sending a message. This wasn't just about me. They were trying to make clear to anybody in Los Angeles and anybody throughout California and anybody throughout the country what can happen if you dare disagree with this administration, because they don't like being questioned. That is for sure. They think they are above the law. They think the rule of law does not apply to them.

The good news is that is not what the American people believe. As one point of evidence, 2 days after that Homeland Security press conference experience, there was the first of the No Kings days that we have seen in the United States this last year—millions of people taking to the streets in their communities and cities across the country to declare "No Kings." Instead of being scared into silence, they did not feel intimidated; they stepped up, and they spoke out.

The American people have continued to speak out for our rights ever since. Across the country, Americans have been looking out for their friends, for their neighbors, for their coworkers, and for their communities. They have been documenting a lot of the abuses that they have seen in an effort to hold not just Federal agents but the Federal Government accountable. They have been speaking up for our rights through organizing and protesting—and not just in locations where raids and apprehensions and arrests have been taking place. We now see mobilizations around detention facilities, where we have heard reports of brutal, unsanitary, and inhumane conditions.

Just a couple of weeks ago, my colleague from New Jersey Senator KIM was out there with protesters. Again, he was the victim of cruelty, unnecessary physical abuse against a Member of the Senate. No American should have to experienced that.

What we have also seen at this time, again, is not just the mobilization of the American people, the voice of the American people, but we have seen the impact on the President's approval ratings and on his polling.

In this administration, I grant you, by the numbers, the President enjoyed strong approval ratings when it came to immigration, generally speaking. Flash-forward to today, and poll after poll shows that he is at historically low approval ratings both overall but especially when it comes to the cruelty of his immigration agenda.

It turns out that when Americans witness the President's policies not as he campaigned on—remember, he talked about going after the worst of the worst, but what we have seen in practice is anything but. So when we see the reality of what Donald Trump is doing, Americans don't approve. They don't approve of troops being deployed into American cities. They don't approve of Federal agents making indiscriminate stops, arrests, detentions, or even deportations. They

don't approve of families being torn apart, of people being assaulted or pepper-sprayed and arrested for exercising their First Amendment rights. They don't approve of indiscriminate profiling of people based on their skin color.

It is shameful that there is now a term—the “Kavanaugh stops.” A Supreme Court Justice sanctioned stops based on one's appearance, accent, occupation.

You don't enforce the law by violating the law. That is racial profiling, plain and simple.

And, of course, the American people have been horrified when they see U.S. citizens—including Alex Pretti and Renee Good—shot and killed in broad daylight by Federal agents for exercising their First Amendment rights.

This country has recoiled from this cruelty because this is not who we are as a country. We are better than this.

And, sadly, we know this administration pays close attention to their polling numbers, so they know public opinion has turned. Instead of rectifying, instead of being smarter on this, more responsible on this, they are simply just changing tactics. And what was once happening in plain sight is now intentionally being played out in areas that are a lot less visible—certainly not visible to the public.

We have learned recently, for instance, that immigration courts are scheduling massive mega master hearings is what they are calling them. Instead of a judge processing maybe 15 cases at a time—that is a significant workload—now they are hearing 100 or more. Oh, and by the way, there is also a lot fewer judges hearing these cases because the administration has fired more than 100 judges.

You combine fewer judges with less access to counsel by people who have a right to counsel, it comes down to the denial of true due process. That is their recipe for ramming through and ramping up deportations.

They are also trying to shut down legal immigration altogether. Let me repeat that. They are trying to shut down legal immigration by making it harder to seek asylum or even apply for a green card when you are eligible. They are increasingly targeting DACA recipients. With over 260 that have been swept up this last year and at least 86 of them deported from the only home they have ever known.

Even worse—again, adding to the cruelty—this administration is also running out the clock on renewing their DACA protections to the point where the protections expire and they become not just unemployable but far more susceptible to deportation.

But nothing exemplifies this administration's ongoing cruelty more than the conditions at detention centers like the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in my home State of California; the Dilley Detention Center in Texas filled with children; and, of course, Delaney Hall in New Jersey that has been in the

news of late. We are constantly hearing reports about how overcrowded and unsanitary these facilities are. We are hearing about detainees given food that is infested with mold or maggots, inadequate access to clean drinking water, and how many are being denied medical care, including critical medical care.

The damage this administration is doing is incalculable. We do know that conditions in these facilities have contributed to the deaths of 51 detainees since the start of the second Trump administration—19 of them just in this year alone.

Again, most of these people do not have a criminal record. I have got to point that out because, again, for all the talk by President Trump, by the White House, by DHS, by a lot of our Republican colleagues about going after the “worst of the worst.” If this administration was only targeting the dangerous, violent criminals that they so often talk about, there would be no debate. There would be no discussion because there would be no disagreements.

But the fact of the matter is the vast majority of the people that have been detained, that have been arrested, that have been deported, do not have violent criminal convictions.

And to the cruelty of the kicking down the door of your home, the terror of the broken car window and being dragged out, the pain of somebody being detained for days or weeks or months with challenging contact with family or lawyers, the conditions in these detention facilities—the vast majority of people that have been subject to this are not dangerous, violent criminals. Many may be undocumented, but they are otherwise hard-working, tax-paying, family-raising contributors to communities and our economy.

Last year was the deadliest year for people in ICE detention, and this year we are on track to surpass even that record.

And now on top of that, we learned just yesterday that this administration has detained 500 babies and toddlers who are now in ICE custody. That is right, 500 babies and toddlers locked up in these ICE facilities. Are they the “worst of the worst”? No. Are they the transnational gang leaders? Really? Babies and toddlers.

Look, all immigrants are human beings and deserve to be treated like it. They deserve better than what this administration is doing, which is why it is important for Americans to keep speaking out, exposing these abuses. Because exposing these abuses is part of our responsibility; stopping them is the other responsibility.

The American people deserve a better vision and a better plan for immigration than what this administration is delivering. The American people deserve and expect a plan that is rooted not in fear, but one that is rooted both in security and dignity, a plan that

doesn't strive to just be tough on immigration for the sake of being tough, but one that is smarter on immigration policy and how we administer it.

We can secure our borders, but let's do it in a way that is secure and orderly and humane, while ensuring pathways to seek safety for those who need it. That has been the tradition of our country.

We can and must modernize our legal immigration system to keep up with global competition while protecting American workers. Those two objectives are not mutually exclusive; they do go hand in hand.

We must ensure the law affords due process and keeps families together.

We must provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, for farm workers, and other long-term residents of the United States.

You know, I am not naive enough to suggest that all this is easily done, but we have to keep trying because the status quo confronting us today is clearly not working. Before we can even begin the work of modernizing our immigration system, we have to confront the abuses that are happening right before us. Again, it is not one or the other; we have to strive to do both.

The need for stronger oversight of ICE and CBP—which had been allowed to get away with far too much for too long—is undeniable. The need to ensure independent scrutiny of detention centers and these awful conditions is undeniable. But, again, DHS is putting up roadblocks even for Members of Congress to conduct our oversight responsibility in these Federal facilities. We need stronger protections for the civil liberties and the constitutional rights that define us as Americans, beginning with the First Amendment.

And should the American people vote Democrats into the majority next election, Democrats will wield every tool in our power to achieve these reforms.

But the most important thing that we can do as Americans in the meantime is to never stop speaking up in the face of cruelty and injustice.

Again, 1 year ago tomorrow, I was handcuffed for trying to ask a question. Not a day goes by that I don't see somebody here in Washington, in California, or many places in between, that they don't come up to me—complete strangers—acknowledging what happened and how it hurt them.

I thank them for sharing. I thank them for caring. And I remind them: Don't just remember that I was put to the ground and handcuffed, remember what happened immediately after. I got back up, and I spoke out. And I have continued to speak out, not because I am particularly brave, not because I am particularly determined, but because the people expect and deserve answers and they deserve leaders who, like them, refuse to be intimidated into silence.

A lot of the television cameras have moved on from what is happening in communities. The headlines have faded

because there is no shortage of challenges that this country is confronting from the threats of wars abroad, an unauthorized war the President has dragged us into, economic pain; right? We talked a lot about the cost of groceries, the cost of housing, the cost of healthcare, the cost of utilities that working families are struggling with.

But the need for oversight on the Department of Homeland Security—and ICE and CBP especially—is absolutely there. The need for accountability remains. The need to defend due process and civil liberties and basic human dignity has not faded away.

One year ago, this administration tried to send a message, again, not just to me, to the country. And for the past year, I am so proud that the American people have been sending a message right back to the President.

And as long as I have the privilege of serving in this Chamber, I will continue to do the same. I will continue to stand by the American people and to keep asking questions and demanding answers. We have a lot of work to do. Let's keep going.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII, the postcloture time with respect to Executive Calendar No. 742 be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15; finally, that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in 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.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR LUMMIS' SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding group of dedicated Americans whose work is often unseen but whose impact will be felt by generations.

As my time in this Chamber draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the responsibilities I have been privileged to carry on behalf of the people of Wyoming. Among them, few have felt more consequential or more personal than nominating young men and women

across Wyoming to our Nation's service academies. Institutions like West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy do not simply train officers; they forge the character of those who will one day defend the freedoms we hold so dear. To have a hand, however small, in sending Wyoming's sons and daughters through those gates has been one of the true honors of this office. For years, I have relied on the help of Dr. Joe McGinley, Dr. Joe Schaffer, Val Rodekoher, Senator Tara Nethercott, Representative Tom Lubnau, Rt. Col. Tucker Fagan, and Ziggy Polinauskas to help select and prepare young people from every corner of our State to serve in America's armed forces.

The work of governing is often loud. Debates are televised, and our votes are recorded, but some of the most meaningful work done in service to this country happens quietly, in conference rooms and community centers by people like my nominations committee who will never see the spotlight. They may not earn widespread recognition, but history will feel the work they do in the careers of the leaders this committee has helped shape, in the units they will lead, and in the country they will serve.

I will be forever grateful for my committee's counsel, their expertise, and their unwavering commitment to Wyoming and our Nation's future. They are truly a part of what makes Wyoming so special, and I could not be prouder to have worked alongside them.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER

• Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate and extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Most Reverend Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, NM, to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, along with his upcoming retirement. Archbishop Wester has provided 50 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Church, which has been a blessing to countless parishioners, families, and communities across New Mexico and beyond.

Archbishop Wester was ordained as a priest on May 15, 1976. From Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of San Francisco in 1998, to Bishop of Salt Lake City in 2007, to then being installed as the 12th Archbishop of Santa Fe in 2015 at our beautiful and historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Archbishop Wester's legacy is one of hope, kindness, and equity. Since his installation in 2015, he has been a beacon of support for vulnerable children and families. He has stood up for the poor and marginalized communities, supported humane immigration policies, and promoted peace. Archbishop Wester has reminded us about the impor-

ance of pursuing the "common good" in our communities.

As a devout Catholic myself, seeing Archbishop Wester's excellency has truly been a blessing. His leadership and presence at St. Francis of Assisi will be truly missed. Through our shared commitment to serving others and strengthening communities alongside so many local initiatives, I have come to greatly appreciate his compassion, humility, and dedication. I am grateful for voices like Archbishop Wester's, and I applaud his devotion not only to the Catholic Church, but also to the people of New Mexico.

As we celebrate this important milestone, I proudly stand before my distinguished colleagues to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Most Reverend Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe and extend my heartfelt congratulations to this remarkable milestone.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence and a withdrawal.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7892. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require to the Secretary of Education to use an identity fraud detection system to review each FAFSA to determine whether the FAFSA presents a reasonable suspicion of identity fraud.

H.R. 8312. An act to establish fraud prevention and program integrity functions and data sharing authorities within the Department of Treasury and a permanent governmentwide Inspector General for Fraud, Accountability, and Recovery, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8340. An act to modify the government financial management plan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8464. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize pausing and segmenting payments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8467. An act to reform the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 to ensure executive agencies focus on fraud prevention, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: