

American people get screwed, and Donald Trump gets himself into a deeper and deeper hole.

The cost of this war will only get worse every second it continues.

We need a full accounting of everything Trump has given away as part of his 14-point understanding. I continue to call on Trump, Secretary Rubio, and the rest of the leadership team to brief the full Senate without delay. It is outrageous that none of us have gotten a briefing yet. Why don't they want to give us a briefing? Are they embarrassed? Is it so vague that they told Iran one thing and will have to tell the world another? Is it because Trump got taken to the cleaners? Is it because Trump is embarrassed to have this understanding fully discussed by the people who put it together? It has been 8 days since this so-called understanding was announced. Why is the administration so scared to come to Congress and the American people and defend their war and their deal?

Trump ought to listen to what Senate Democrats and the American people have been saying for months and end this war for good.

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Madam President, on housing, as Trump fixates on vanity projects that only he seems to care about, we are advancing our housing bill to address issues Americans actually care about.

As home ownership has gotten further and further out of reach for working families, so is the American dream. As Americans, it is every young family's dream to own their own home. So when they pay money, it builds equity; it builds a future for their retirement, for their kids. Instead of when you pay rent, the money just goes away.

So people want home ownership. But now, the median home buyer in America is 40 years old. The downpayment is excruciating to many and puts housing out of reach for them. A record 242 cities in the United States now have typical starter homes valued at \$1 million or more.

ROAD to Housing helps put our country on the right track towards fixing the housing shortage that is driving up costs. The legislation starts to streamline the zoning bottlenecks that have slowed down construction from one end of the country to the other. The bill also supports new manufacturing of modular housing, as well as the conversion—something really important to New York and to me—the conversion of old office buildings into housing so we can get more homes on the market.

ROAD to Housing also stops institutional investors from squeezing American families out of the housing market.

The ROAD to Housing is a strong start, but it is just the beginning. Democrats will continue to come up with innovative solutions to lower the cost of housing and all other necessities that working families need to achieve that American dream, which seems more out of reach than ever be-

fore because of this administration. We will work with whomever it takes to end the affordability crisis.

So congratulations to Senator WARREN, congratulations to the members of the Banking Committee for their leadership on this bill, and congratulations to all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who supported it.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

Madam President, on the FISA negotiations, Trump didn't simply move the goalposts, he set fire to the whole stadium with his team still inside. They are sort of rushing out right now.

Trump's plan to visit the Capitol on Wednesday will probably only add fuel to the fire in the GOP. Senate Republicans are in complete disarray on this important issue with Trump blindsiding them everywhere they turn. Trump has embarrassed Senate Republicans every step of the way.

Trump is proudly holding America's national security hostage, demanding the passage of the SAVE Act—the worst anti-voting rights legislation he has ever dreamed up, and that is a high bar—and he wants it as ransom. In attaching the SAVE Act to FISA, Trump is saying he won't make America secure unless we abandon our voting rights.

What a trade. You want to be more secure? Give up on your voting rights. What a horrible bargain. Only Trump could come up with something this mendacious.

If Trump wants to blow up his own party, so be it. But threatening our national security just to disenfranchise millions of Americans and to install an inexperienced political hack like Pulte as DNI is reckless even for Trump.

REFLECTING POOL

Madam President, on the reflecting pool, Donald Trump has just handed Americans a perfect picture of his Presidency: Families are drowning in bills, and Trump is drowning in reflecting pool algae.

Americans are losing their homes. They are cutting back at the grocery store. They are walking to work because gasoline is expensive.

And Trump's top priority right now is cleaning up the reflecting pool. Give me a break.

How many hours did Trump spend last week talking about lowering costs, about helping families, about making life easier for working Americans? Compare that to how many hours did Trump spend talking about the reflecting pool? It ain't pretty.

America needs a President right now, not a pool boy. Trump's priorities are completely out of whack. He still manages to screw up something as trivial as the reflecting pool. It is a tale as old as time in Trump's Washington: Trump ignores the experts, jumps at the first idea that pops into his head, gives a buddy a no-bid contract at the taxpayers' expense, and then blames invisible enemies when his stupid ideas fail.

Trump handpicked the personal pool guy for his hotels to helm the project.

It doesn't matter whether the job is leading the Pentagon or fixing the reflecting pool, the only criteria Trump cares about is that you are his crony or you look good on TV. Qualifications have nothing to do with it.

Every day, Trump, his administration, the Republican Party, and America pay the price. When you have such unqualified people, you always pay the price, Donald Trump.

If Trump devoted the same amount of time to cleaning up the corruption in his own administration as he does to cleaning up the reflecting pool, maybe his approval ratings wouldn't be at a record low. Trump's reflecting pool debacle is so unbelievably stupid, it would be funny, except the taxpayers are paying for it.

Trump hasn't drained the swamp. He has made it even filthier than ever and invited his cronies in to take a swim.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

The Senator from North Dakota.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY MUSEUM ARTIFACTS ACT

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 675 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 675) to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 5897), in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) FOUNDATION.—The term "Foundation" means the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation.

(2) LIBRARY.—The term “Library” means the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library to be located in Medora, North Dakota.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY.

(a) GRANTS.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—To the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts and subject to paragraphs (2) through (4), the Secretary may provide to the Foundation grants in an amount not to exceed a total of \$50,000,000 for the establishment of the Library—

(A) to preserve and make available to the public materials relating to the life of President Theodore Roosevelt; and

(B) to provide interpretive and educational services that communicate the meaning of the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may not provide a grant under paragraph (1) until the date on which the Foundation certifies to the Secretary that the Foundation has received an amount equal to not less than \$100,000,000 from funds for the Library—

(A) contributed by the State of North Dakota; or

(B) raised from non-Federal sources during the period beginning on the date on which the Foundation was established and ending on the date of the certification.

(3) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds provided under this subsection may not be used for the maintenance or operation of the Library.

(4) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection requires an increase in the applicable sub-allocation made pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 633(b)).

(b) FEDERAL ARTIFACTS AND OBJECTS RELATING TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may enter into 1 or more agreements with the Foundation to provide for a loan to the Foundation from Federal agencies under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary (including the National Park Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service) of historic, educational, artistic, natural, and other museum artifacts and objects, particularly artifacts and objects that are not on display to the public, without monetary consideration, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be necessary for the preservation and exhibition of the artifacts and objects loaned to the Foundation.

(c) NON-FEDERAL OPERATION.—The Secretary or any other Federal entity shall have no involvement in the operation of the Library, except at the request of the non-Federal entity responsible for the operation of the Library in accordance with applicable laws (including regulations).

The bill (S. 675), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, I would like to thank my colleagues for joining me just now in—well, I had hoped he would be here. Unfortunately, I guess he is running a little late. So I have to say I just have to thank my colleague for joining me in passing this legislation.

S. 675 authorizes Federal funding in the use of artifacts and materials for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, ND.

I want to thank Senator BLUMENTHAL and also Senator CRAMER for cosponsoring the legislation with me.

Our legislation will help ensure that current and future generations of Americans can learn from and be inspired by one of our Nation’s most consequential Presidents—Theodore Roosevelt. It builds upon our yearslong effort to establish a library.

In 2020, Congress approved our legislation, enabling the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation to purchase 93 acres of Forest Service land at fair market value for the library. We worked to secure rancher support to preserve local control and consultation on the project.

Also, we worked to protect the availability of acres for grazing, including a commitment from the Forest Service to reaffirm the existing Medora Grazing Association agreement for a full 10-year period.

In just days, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is scheduled to open. As Americans prepare to celebrate our Nation’s 250th anniversary, visitors from across the country and around the world will soon be able to experience a library dedicated to the life, leadership, and conservation ethic of our Nation’s 26th President.

Few places influenced Theodore Roosevelt more than North Dakota. As President Roosevelt proudly claimed, he would never have become President had it not been for his time in the Dakota Territory. President Roosevelt first traveled to the North Dakota Badlands in 1883 to hunt bison. He returned the following year during one of the most difficult periods of his life, grieving the loss of both his wife and his mother on the same day—February 14, 1884.

The 3 formative years he spent embracing ranching and the “strenuous life” helped shape the perspective and character of a leader who would go on to become President, a champion for conservation, and one of the most influential figures in our Nation’s history.

It is only fitting that the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is being built adjacent to another national treasure named in his honor: Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Our legislation provides a common-sense framework to support this nationally significant institution. It authorizes up to \$50 million in Federal funding but only after the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation raises twice that amount from non-Federal sources.

It also authorizes the library foundation to enter into agreements to allow for the display of federally held artifacts and objects relating to Theodore Roosevelt to be displayed and shared with the public.

This legislation is consistent with similar support provided by Congress for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL. Congress recognized then that pre-

serving the history and legacy of President Lincoln was a national priority, and the same is true today for President Roosevelt.

The central values of Theodore Roosevelt’s life—leadership, citizenship, and conservation—continue to inspire Americans today. His life reminds us that challenges can be transformed into opportunities and that places and people often shape great leaders around them.

As the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library prepares to welcome its first visitors, we have the opportunity today to reaffirm our commitment to preserving that legacy for generations to come.

With that, I again thank my colleagues for agreeing to pass this legislation today.

I yield the floor.

21ST CENTURY ROAD TO HOUSING ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

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Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I rise today in support of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. We are closer than ever to passing the biggest housing bill since 1990, when the average price of a home in America sold for \$150,000. Today, 36 years later, the average home is selling for over \$500,000.

The American dream of home ownership is now out of reach for millions of families. The median age of a first-time home buyer is now at an alltime high, and it is no secret why this has happened. Our Nation has a shortage of millions of homes.

And our housing crisis doesn’t just affect the opportunity to buy a home. Americans can’t afford to rent either. More than a million evictions were filed just last year, and, meanwhile, private equity has swooped in to outbid families for homes and then turn around and jack up the rent on tenants.

Congress has been sitting on its hands for decades as multiple generations of Americans have seen their dreams of home ownership slip out of reach, while Wall Street rakes in the profits.

It is no wonder that, when you ask Americans why they don’t like politics or why they don’t trust Congress, they will often say something like: It just all feels like it is rigged.

Yes, the system is broken, and I have been ringing the alarm bell about this for years. But, today, Congress is taking a big step toward fixing it.

The bill we are passing today sends a clear message to every American struggling to find a place they can afford. Elected leaders understand the problem and are actually doing something to try to solve it.

This bill acknowledges that outdated regulations and rules have gotten in the way of building more housing and building it fast. It represents an overwhelming bipartisan consensus that we