

that pumped tens of billions of dollars into Trump's rogue Agencies without any restraints whatsoever.

So it was Senate Republicans who chose not to make reforms to ICE, as Democrats tried to push them. Americans know exactly who to blame for unleashing the chaos on the streets.

Where were Senate Republicans when Trump immediately reinstated the vehicle stops policy that led to these killings? Where were Senate Republicans when the administration said ICE agents had "absolute immunity" after the Minneapolis murders? Where were Senate Republicans when we gave them opportunity after opportunity after opportunity to reform ICE?

There is blood on the streets, and the blame is on the Senate Republicans.

I yield the floor.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Westercamp nomination.

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

WYOMING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, over just the last couple of weeks, the people of Wyoming have celebrated two very important events: July 4, Independence Day, as America turned 250; and July 10, Wyoming Statehood Day. My home State of Wyoming turned 136 that day. We celebrated both of those great occurrences all across the State for a full week.

We had the iconic Cody Stampede Rodeo in Cody, WY. We saw volunteers in Gillette serve over 4,000 hot dogs at the Independence Day community celebration. We saw the Boy Scouts in Sheridan serve over 1,000 pancake breakfasts. And my Rotary Club in Casper celebrated the values that started our country. We had Wyoming best-selling author C.J. Box read the Declaration of Independence at a community gathering in Carbon County. The streets were packed for the Independence Day parade in Cody, and people then gathered at Veterans Park for the annual "Let Freedom Ring" celebration. The seats were full for the Big Wyo Rodeo in Sheridan and the Casper Rodeo finals just this past Saturday night. Our entire congressional delegation attended parades and festivities all across the Cowboy State.

This is the America that we saw these past 2 weeks. Yet there is another vision being offered to this country today, and we see it on the other side of the aisle. It is the vision being offered by the Democrats, and it is a

dark vision, indeed. It is a vision of open borders, of high taxes, and of lawlessness. It is a vision that damages our communities and disrespects the values that Americans hold dear.

Today's Democrat Party has taken a radical turn to the left. Today's Democrat leadership is enabling it. America's largest city—the hometown of the minority leader, Senator SCHUMER—is now being run by a professed socialist. Our Nation's Capital is about to elect one as well.

People proclaiming to be socialists are winning Democrat primaries across the country. In Michigan, a Democrat front-runner for the U.S. Senate is campaigning with an extremist who blames America for the September 11 terrorist attacks. These were the attacks that 25 years ago cost the lives of 2,977 Americans.

Extremism drives the Democrat Party, and its influence within the party is growing. Here is what they want: Democrats want open borders. Democrats want to defund the police. Democrats want to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Democrats want to abolish the U.S. Border Patrol. Democrats want to weaken law enforcement. They want to make it harder to remove illegal immigrant criminals from our communities. Democrats want to pack the Supreme Court. They want judges who will rewrite the law and ignore the Constitution. Democrats want to abolish the electoral college. They want to make it possible for only a handful of big cities in blue States to control the selection of the next President. Democrats want higher taxes. They want hard-working American families to pay for healthcare for illegal immigrants. Democrats want to keep affordable, available, reliable American energy in the ground.

That is today's Democrat Party. They are radical, they are extreme, they are dangerous, and they are scary.

You may have noticed that, in the middle of a heat wave, the new Democrat mayor told New Yorkers to turn up their air conditioning to 78 degrees. Why? Because the New York power grid was collapsing.

How could that be? Why was the New York power grid collapsing? Well, because New York Democrats—pressured by climate extremists—shut down reliable nuclear powerplants.

Welcome to the Democrat Party of 2026.

Alarming, in this very Chamber, Democrat leaders are cheering on the radical left. After socialists swept their primaries this summer, one Democrat Senator said that "this is a very good trend."

Another said it is a sign that their party is "alive and well."

Another said we are now seeing the "future of the Democrat Party."

By contrast, Republicans continue to deliver results. We passed the Working Families Tax Cut law. We stopped the largest tax increase in American his-

tory. We put more money back into the pockets of millions of hard-working Americans. Ninety-six percent of Americans who make under \$200,000 a year benefited from the Working Families Tax Cut law.

Republicans secured the border. We passed the largest investment in border security in American history. We fully funded ICE and Border Patrol for the next 3 years, and we are deporting illegal immigrant criminals.

The contrast is clear: Democrats stand for high taxes, open borders, and lawlessness. Republicans stand for freedom, liberty, and American greatness.

America is worth defending. America is worth celebrating. America is worth fighting for. That is what Republicans are committed to doing, and that is what we did as the people of Wyoming over the Fourth of July.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. RICKETTS. 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.

REMEMBERING LINDSEY GRAHAM

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about our colleague Lindsey Graham, who tragically passed away last weekend.

Lindsey Graham was the definition of the word "patriot." He loved this country and dedicated his life to serving this country. He was from humble backgrounds. His parents ran a bar. And, again, tragically, he lost his parents at a young age. His mom died when Lindsey was 20, and his dad died when he was 22. And so, as a young man, he took over the care of his sister DARLINE, who was only 13 years old.

He was the first in his family to go to college and then got a law degree, joined the Air Force. And to help take care of his sister, he adopted her so she could get his Air Force benefits. He served our country in the Air Force and in the National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, a total of 33 years, retiring at the rank of colonel and a Bronze Star.

He began his career in politics in 1992 in the South Carolina Legislature and got elected to the U.S. Congress, the House of Representatives, in 1994. He was the first Republican to be elected from his district since 1877. He served in the House for 8 years and then came to the Senate, 2002, taking over for Strom Thurmond. And he has been a dynamic personality in this body, and I have had the privilege to get to know him and call him my friend.

Lindsey Graham was part of the glue for the Senate, and not just for Republicans but for Republicans and Democrats. He worked across the aisle. Just a few days ago, my colleague from Delaware was talking about how he

worked with Lindsey Graham on a number of different items; one is a conservation fund that also fights terrorism. He remarked that Lindsey, in his way, was able to boil down why this was so important and had hats created that said: "Good for animals, bad for terrorists."

And that was very typical of Lindsey because he could boil things down very simply to be able to make a point, almost like a country lawyer. He would say: How many people think that, for example, if Iran had a nuclear weapon, they would use it on us? Raise your hand. They would raise their hand.

And he would say: So how many people think it would be bad if they got a nuclear weapon? All of those people would raise their hand.

How many people think we should stop them from getting a nuclear weapon? They would raise their hand.

That is the simple way that Lindsey would make his point.

He was supersmart and had an incredible sense of humor. It was not often fun if you were on the other side of that sense of humor sometimes. In one of our Budget Committee hearings, Lindsey Graham was presiding, and we had one of our members who was going through all sorts of points and charts and so forth. And when the presentation came to an end, Lindsey Graham said something to the effect: Well, next time we are going to record that, and we are taking it down to Gitmo because it would be more effective down there. So you wanted to make sure that you were talking to the right audience and making your points quickly with Lindsey.

He was also very charming and was very direct. When he would go talk to foreign leaders, he would be able to get across those simple ideas the way he did with audiences back at home and be able to express directly through humor, through charming them, to help them understand where their interests were aligned with our interests, how we needed to work together to be able to keep the people of their country safe and the people of our country safe.

Lindsey was very clear-eyed about the dangers of dictators like Vladimir Putin. He understood, when Putin is losing, we are winning, we are safer. He was appalled by the invasion of Russia into Ukraine—that unprovoked, aggressive attack—and was a fierce advocate for supporting Ukraine, not only because of the injustice of what Russia is doing to Ukraine but because Lindsey understood what the threat to the United States and the people of America would be if Putin is successful; that if they are successful in Ukraine, they are going to go after a NATO member, and then we will have boots on the ground in Europe. Lindsey was trying to keep us safe by advocating for the Ukrainians.

When Lindsey would see an issue, he would hop on a plane and go fix it, whether it was overseas or to my home State of Nebraska. He came to Nebraska several times.

I loved the man. I had the privilege of spending time with him here over the last 3½ years. He liked Coke Zero and Riesling wines. He was charming, funny, intelligent, dedicated to this country. Our body and this country is losing a lot with Lindsey Graham. We are losing some of the humor we had. We are losing some the glue that holds us together. We are losing a fierce patriot, and our country is worse off for it.

Susanne and I are praying for DARLINE and the rest of her family and Lindsey's staff at this tragic time and, indeed, for our entire country as we have experienced the loss of this larger than life patriot, Lindsey Olin Graham.

Lindsey, I know you are looking down on us from upstairs, and you are going to do your best to guide us from up there. We really, really miss you.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nebraska.

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

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

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. TILLIS. 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.

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent to use a prop during my remarks.

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

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, it is actually fitting. I just had somebody in the cloakroom tell me the last person that came to the floor and used the chart to draw on was none other than Lindsey Graham, so I will dedicate these comments to Lindsey.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Mr. President, when I was elected in North Carolina and ran the campaign to get us to a majority and become speaker, one of the promises that I made to the people of North Carolina is that we would pass a voter ID bill; we would be smart about it; we would get it cleared through the Obama Justice Department; we would implement it in a methodical fashion so that we could further increase the already acceptable levels of election integrity in North Carolina.

It took a couple of years. It actually took a couple of losses before we got it done, but we got it done. So for anybody to accuse me of saying that I don't like voter ID, you ought to check your facts and take a look at the signature on the law that was ratified by then-Speaker THOM TILLIS in the State of North Carolina.

Why do I tell you that? To at least put forth my bona fides with respect to implementing complex legislation. I have been trying to explain for nearly a year that the SAVE Act—whether it

is the SAVE Act, the SAVE America Act, the new SAVE legislation that is being proposed in the House, "SAVE Goes to Hollywood," "SAVE Goes to Hawaii," whatever the sequels are—all of them are fundamentally flawed and impossible to implement by this election.

Now, let me explain why. In addition to actually having experience with legislating, ratifying, and implementing voter ID law in North Carolina, I also happened to be a partner at Pricewaterhouse, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and IBM Global Business Services. My entire career has been founded on implementation.

When you look at implementation, you look at the complexity of what it takes to get anything done—even the most simple thing. The reason why businesses pay firms like Pricewaterhouse to do what we do is because details matter, planning matters, execution matters.

Now, let's talk about the SAVE Act or the SAVE America Act or whatever the heck they are calling the next thing that they are talking about putting in the reconciliation bill.

States fit into two categories when it comes to how they administer elections. There are 41 States that administer at a county level—and I'm doing this to better explain it to my friend the senior Senator from Utah—41 States at the county level. What does that mean? Well, in North Carolina it means that we have 100 counties, and we have the State. We have 101 election entities that would have to implement whatever we put into law in North Carolina.

If you multiply that by the 41 States that do it the same way, we have almost 4,000—let's narrow it because somebody will say: Oh, you overestimated. We have over 3,000—it is actually somewhere around 3,600—3,000 governmental entities that have to implement the letter of this law, OK?

So we will just go with 3,000. Keep it low. Now, we have nine States that actually administer at the State, county, and municipal level. That actually adds about another 7,000 governmental entities that would have to implement the letter of this law—whatever the law is, all right?

The election is going to be held on the second Tuesday of November, right? We are August, September, October, right? So we have fewer than—let's just call it 100 days before the election. You are telling me that whatever proposal is being considered in the House can come and get done in the House, which it hasn't done, come to the Senate and get passed, go to the President's desk—let's say all of that—let's just say a miracle occurs. We can take it out of the Crock-Pot, put it in the microwave—we get it done in 2 weeks, right? OK. Well, 2 weeks from now happens to be about the first week of August, so that would be August, September, October—3 months after