

KGB, and “slave patrols.” They have called them a “clear and present danger,” a “reign of terror,” and “non-descript thugs.” They have accused them of “mayhem and death,” “terror and violence,” and “scar[ing] the American public.”

These are not statements from fringe figures. This is what is so astounding. These are statements from prominent Governors, Senators, and lawmakers calling our Federal law enforcement and ICE these names. The vilification of Federal law enforcement is now central to the Democrats’ identity and their messaging.

Look at the proposals by the Democrat Socialists of America. They would do away with ICE. They believe that by attacking our officers, they can get at President Trump. And in reality, what they are doing is putting a target on the officers’ backs.

I have to admit that I was surprised when New York’s far-left socialist Mayor Zohran Mamdani called Monday’s attack “deeply disturbing.” In many ways, he has led the attack on ICE. He has called ICE a “cruel agency that does nothing to further the interests of public safety” and “too rotten to reform.” He claimed that they are “terrorizing people” and should be abolished. He even signed an order to block ICE officers from arresting criminal—criminal—illegal aliens in schools, shelters, and hospitals.

While Democrats bow to their radical base, Republicans are continuing to stand for the rule of law. Under President Trump’s leadership, we have focused on ensuring that our Federal law enforcement Agencies have all the resources they need to do their jobs.

It is why we passed the Secure America Act. That is a landmark law that will fund ICE and Border Patrol through the end of President Trump’s term. That way, Federal law enforcement officers can continue to track down the violent criminal illegal aliens that Joe Biden brought into this country through that porous southern border.

It is important to remember that every single Democrat voted against the law. Every single one voted against funding ICE and Border Patrol.

Whenever they have the chance, they put illegal aliens in front of American citizens. They keep working overtime to try to make illegal legal.

They want to return to Biden’s open border. But as long as Republicans are in charge, that will never happen.

I yield the floor.

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 senior assistant executive 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 nomi-

nation of Executive Calendar No. 827, Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Pete Ricketts, Thom Tillis, Chuck Grassley, Ted Budd, Shelley Moore Capito, Bill Hagerty, Kevin Cramer, Cynthia M. Lummis, Marsha Blackburn, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Tom Cotton, John Hoeven, Darline Graham, Ted Cruz.

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 Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 206 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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	Tillis
Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

McConnell	Murkowski	Warnock
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Daniel Mack

Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, Americans are worried that the money in their pockets will not cover the increasing costs of gas and groceries and housing or healthcare. Meanwhile, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, is worried that the money in Americans’ pockets doesn’t currently have his face or his signature on it.

You know, in 2020, Congress passed a law to produce new coins to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary. In that law, we wrote that the coins should be emblematic of our 250th anniversary—the U.S. semiquincentennial celebration of 250 years of the vision of a democratic Republic—of a government by and for the people; of our values as a free people, with the rights of free speech and free assembly and free expression. Well, certainly, this we know—that the symbol of putting a sitting President or leader on a coin is not a symbol of a democratic Republic; it is a symbol of an authoritarian strongman.

If we turn the clock back to the year 44 BC, Julius Caesar was Emperor and he decided to have a coin with his face on it. He was the first to do so. It was a radical departure from Roman tradition, and it alarmed the Senate. It was viewed widely as a blatant display of personal power—of personal authoritarian power. And if you missed the point, on the backside of this coin, it had the words “dictator perpetuo”—“dictator in perpetuity” or “dictator forever.” That is what it represents to put your face on a coin.

Then, at the time our Nation was founded—and, again, we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of that vision—King George III put his face on a coin, on the silver sipping, and it was viewed, as it was with Julius Caesar and the Emperors who followed him, as an expression of authoritarian personal power.

Does our Constitution provide for an authoritarian structure of government, where power flows down from the King to the people? I think not. It flows up from the people through elections.

That is why putting your face on a coin just is absolutely wrong and why it violates the very premise of the law that created the permission to have this 250th anniversary coin. The design that Trump has come up with—that of a fake gold coin with his face on it—violates the law that we passed. It is widely out of sync with the values of our Nation. It is widely out of sync with our history and our best traditions. So these coins should never be made, and, if made, they should never be distributed.

It is part of a long list of this authoritarian, would-be strongman, dictator President, who is trying to stamp his name onto every public place available.

He is renaming the Kennedy Center for himself; renaming the U.S. Institute of Peace for himself; hanging "Dear Leader"-sized, North Korean-style banners on the sides of the buildings here in Washington, DC; putting his face onto passports; putting his face onto the national park passes; naming a class of warships after himself; insisting that it be his signature, not the Treasury Secretary's signature on the currency; planning to build a massive triumphal arch to himself—and let's not forget: tearing down the "People's House"—the East Wing of the White House—to build his gold-plated, billion-dollar ballroom boondoggle.

I say to my colleagues, whether they sit to the left of the aisle or to the right of the aisle, didn't we take the same oath to the same Constitution? Didn't we pledge ourselves to sustaining a democratic Republic, not a strongman state?

So I urge you: Join together—Ds and Rs together—to defend our Constitution; to defend the vision of a government by and for the people.

If we want to turn to the opinion of George Washington 250 years ago, what was his opinion? He was strongly opposed to having his portrait put on coins. Why? Because he considered it a King-like act, completely out of sync with the vision of the Nation we were founding.

Washington's example has endured. It has endured for 250 years until now. Well, my colleagues may say that there was one exception—one exception in 1926—when there was a coin of George Washington, and behind him, there was the outline of a face of President Calvin Coolidge, but it wasn't Calvin Coolidge on the coin. It wasn't his portrait; he wasn't alone; and you would have to be really knowledgeable to know that that outline hanging in the background happened to be of Calvin Coolidge.

Well, this is quite different. This is a full-on, Caesar-style, King George III-style, self-ego amplification that just doesn't fit with the United States of America. So Congress should immediately pass the Change Corruption Act, which I have introduced with Senator CORTEZ MASTO, so as to ban all coins from featuring the image or signature of the sitting U.S. President or living former Presidents—aimed at the principle involved, not aimed simply at President Trump.

You know, families need foundations to thrive, foundations like healthcare, housing, education, and good-paying jobs. What they don't need is to have President Trump's face on fake gold Trump bucks. Instead of putting his face on our money, like a King, let's ask our President to focus on putting money back in the pockets of working Americans. Let's honor 250 years of government by and for the people. Let's prohibit this Caesar-esque, King George III-, Louis XIV-style of displaying authoritarianism. Let's pass the Change Corruption Act.

Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of my bill, the Change Corruption Act, which is at the desk; that the bill be considered read three times and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Wyoming.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, in reserving the right to object, I have been very proud to work with my colleagues and very much want to continue to work with my colleagues to make our currency work better for all Americans.

That is why, a year ago this month, Republicans passed the Working Families Tax Cut Act. It did exactly what my friend from Oregon just asked us for, which is to concentrate on how we can make our currency in our country work better for the American people. That is why we passed no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, no tax on Social Security benefits—so we can help the very working families who are struggling in this economy. Millions of Americans have taken advantage of the benefits provided them in the Working Families Tax Cut, but not a single Democrat voted for the bill—not one. So, instead of focusing on what is on our Nation's currency, I would urge my Democratic colleagues to join Republicans and focus on pocketbook issues that impact all Americans.

I might add, interestingly, that I, too, was thinking: Wow. Why would we build an arch in Washington, DC, or near Washington, DC? That sounds a little French to me, like the Champs-Élysées. I found out that it has been planned for years. It wasn't planned by President Trump to self-aggrandize. It has been planned for years, but nobody built it. Then President Trump talks to his friends who are willing to open their pocketbooks to do things that haven't been done previously but that have been planned for our Nation's Capital.

When we recognize the risk that we now put our Presidents in when we have large events like the National Press Club or, you know, a press dinner at the Hilton hotel here in town, where an attacker with guns was just about to enter a roomful of elected officials and Cabinet Secretaries and the President and the Vice President and their spouses and shoot the place up, the President recognizes we have to have a secure ballroom that we can use to entertain foreign dignitaries; in which to have special events; that has special bulletproof glass that is very expensive on the windows; and that has a foundation structure that will support all that because it is very heavy.

The design is so complementary to the White House. The design is very much in keeping with the historic facade of the White House.

It is going to be safer for elected officials and visiting dignitaries. It is going to be elegant, and it is going to be befitting of the White House campus that it sits on, in celebration of our 250th anniversary.

Come on. Let's quit attacking the person who holds the Office of President, every day with every bill, and maybe think about what he is doing for the American people, with nontaxpayer money, to make Washington, DC, something we can be totally proud of—safe, clean, and beautiful.

And why don't we, as a Congress, focus on ways to make Americans' lives better so they can keep more of their own money, so they can self-determine how they spend it, so they can maybe buy a house or help their kids buy a car or help their kids buy an education. You do that by keeping more of their dollars in their own pockets.

That is what we did last summer with the Working Families Tax Cut provision, and we can do it again this year.

So I would encourage my Democrat colleagues and friends to join us in helping the American people instead of obsessing about who is in the White House right now.

So, Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I so enjoy working with my colleague from Wyoming. But I did notice that her speech had nothing to do with my point that sitting Presidents don't belong on coins because it is an authoritarian symbol.

And I also noticed that her description of the bill passed last year involved changing the name of it. Trump called it the Big Beautiful Bill. And it became widely ridiculed because it cut nutrition, and it cut healthcare to fund tax breaks for the very richest Americans.

It had nothing to do with working Americans. In fact, when you take the impact of the healthcare cuts and the nutrition cuts, the little, smallest crumbs on the table that were sprinkled to the less affluent Americans don't make up for the cuts to healthcare and nutrition. So they come out the losers. It was a "families lose and megamillionaires win" bill, and I am happy to debate that all day long.

I realize they renamed it because it was such a horrific attack on ordinary people and, quite frankly, an embarrassment.

So I do support my colleague's vision of fighting for families. But to fight for families, we don't need legislation that is "families lose and billionaires win." We need legislation that is "families thrive and the affluent, they pay their fair share." Their marginal tax as a percent of their income is a tiny fraction of what the working American pays.

You know, in any sane system, the richest Americans would pay a higher

percent of their income in taxes, not a lower percent.

But these are disagreements that I am sure we will continue to debate. And I know my colleague is not planning to run for reelection and won't be here next year. I am going to miss that a great deal. But we still have time and several other things that we are working on together, and maybe that is a topic we will switch to in our next conversation.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. LUMMIS. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the revised memberships on the 12 subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations for the 119th Congress be printed in the RECORD. The new assignments reflect the service on the committee of Senator DARLINE GRAHAM, who was selected to fill the vacancy created by the passing of former Senator Lindsey Graham, as well as other revisions related to the change in committee membership.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Senator COLLINS, as Chair of the Committee, and Senator MURRAY, as Vice Chair of the Committee, are ex officio members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators HOEVEN (chair), MCCONNELL, COLLINS, MORAN, HYDE-SMITH, FISCHER, ROUNDS, HUSTED, SHAHEEN (ranking member), MERKLEY, BALDWIN, HEINRICH, PETERS, GILLIBRAND, and OSSOFF. (8-7)

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators MORAN (chair), MURKOWSKI, COLLINS, CAPITO, KENNEDY, HAGERTY, BRITT, FISCHER, GRAHAM, VAN HOLLEN (ranking member), REED, SHAHEEN, COONS, SCHATZ, MERKLEY, PETERS, and GILLIBRAND. (9-8)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Senators MCCONNELL (chair), COLLINS, MURKOWSKI, MORAN, HOEVEN, BOOZMAN, CAPITO, KENNEDY, HYDE-SMITH, COONS (ranking member), DURBIN, MURRAY, REED, SCHATZ, BALDWIN, SHAHEEN, and MURPHY. (9-8)

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Senators KENNEDY (chair), MCCONNELL, MURKOWSKI, HOEVEN, HYDE-SMITH, HAGERTY,

BRITT, ROUNDS, GRAHAM, MURRAY (ranking member), DURBIN, MERKLEY, COONS, BALDWIN, HEINRICH, PETERS, and OSSOFF. (9-8)

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Senators HAGERTY (chair), BOOZMAN, FISCHER, HUSTED, GRAHAM, REED (ranking member), DURBIN, COONS, and VAN HOLLEN. (5-4)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Senators BRITT (chair), MURKOWSKI, CAPITO, KENNEDY, HYDE-SMITH, HAGERTY, MURPHY (ranking member), MURRAY, SHAHEEN, PETERS, and VAN HOLLEN. (6-5)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators MURKOWSKI (chair), MCCONNELL, CAPITO, HOEVEN, FISCHER, ROUNDS, HUSTED, MERKLEY (ranking member), VAN HOLLEN, HEINRICH, BALDWIN, GILLIBRAND, and OSSOFF. (7-6)

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators CAPITO (chair), MORAN, KENNEDY, HYDE-SMITH, BOOZMAN, BRITT, ROUNDS, HUSTED, GRAHAM, BALDWIN (ranking member), MURRAY, DURBIN, REED, SHAHEEN, MERKLEY, SCHATZ, and MURPHY. (9-8)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Senators FISCHER (chair), ROUNDS, HUSTED, HEINRICH (ranking member), and OSSOFF. (3-2)

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VERTEANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators BOOZMAN (chair), MCCONNELL, MURKOWSKI, HOEVEN, COLLINS, HAGERTY, FISCHER, ROUNDS, GRAHAM, OSSOFF (ranking member), MURRAY, REED, SCHATZ, BALDWIN, HEINRICH, PETERS, and GILLIBRAND. (9-8)

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Senators COLLINS (interim chair), MCCONNELL, BOOZMAN, MORAN, HAGERTY, BRITT, HUSTED, SCHATZ (ranking member), DURBIN, SHAHEEN, COONS, MERKLEY, and MURPHY. (7-6)

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators HYDE-SMITH (chair), COLLINS, BOOZMAN, CAPITO, HOEVEN, KENNEDY, MORAN, BRITT, GRAHAM, GILLIBRAND (ranking member), MURRAY, DURBIN, REED, COONS, SCHATZ, MURPHY, and VAN HOLLEN. (9-8)

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-76.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 26-76 concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$80.1 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Recipients:

Speaker of the House of Representatives
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Sincerely,

KAITLYN WOLFE,
Senior Bureau Official,
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

TRANSMITTAL NO. RSAT 26-76

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Greece.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$32.1 million.

Other \$48 million.

Total \$80.1 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing and National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three hundred fifty (350) Switchblade 300 Block 20 (SB300B20) Lethal Miniature Aerial Missile System (LMAMS).

Thirty-five (35) SB300B20 LMAMS Fire Control Systems (FCS).

Non-MDE: The following non-MDE items will also be included: Switchblade 600 (SB600) Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module Global Positioning System LMAMS; SB600 FCS; SB300B20 tactical battery chargers; smart battery chargers; spares packages; training services; field service representative support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (GR-B-UBA).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 16, 2026.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Greece—Switchblade 300 Block 20 Lethal Miniature Aerial Missile System

The Government of Greece has requested to buy three hundred fifty (350) Switchblade 300 Block 20 (SB300B20) Lethal Miniature Aerial Missile System (LMAMS) and thirty-five (35) SB300B20 LMAMS Fire Control Systems (FCS). The following non-major defense equipment items will also be included: Switchblade 600 (SB600) Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module Global Positioning System LMAMS; SB600 FCS; SB300B20 tactical battery chargers; SB600