

This is, of course, a goal that has been shared by Republicans and Democrats, and, as Trump has said, this is the only thing that matters.

Secretary Hegseth reiterated several times at the hearing yesterday that the primary objective of the war is now to make sure that Iran doesn't have a nuclear weapon. But let's just be clear about the facts. According to the IAEA, Iran still has a stockpile of about 970 pounds of highly enriched uranium. That stockpile still exists in the country. Reports suggest that they have moved their highly advanced centrifuges to a place called Pickaxe Mountain and buried them so deep that no airstrike can impact them.

Most importantly, because Donald Trump pulled out of the previous nuclear agreement which had frozen Iran's nuclear research program, Iran has gained the knowledge to enrich uranium up to 60 percent, which everybody knows is effectively weapons-grade. And there is no military strike that can erase that fact. This is a reality that Donald Trump created.

Now, Trump's theory is that this military campaign is going to push Iran to the negotiating table and that the result will be a deal—a nuclear deal—that is better than the one that Iran signed. But this is fantasy. There is no world in which Iran, after this war, agrees to more than they agreed to in the JCPOA. And you just can't avoid the facts here. The primary reason is that we will have less leverage in these negotiations than the Obama administration had.

Why is that? One, this regime is harder line, less willing to negotiate and compromise than the administration Obama was negotiating with. Second, there is no fear of U.S. airstrikes. That was always a sword of Damocles hovering over the negotiations during the Obama administration. Now Iran knows that they can survive, the regime can survive America's best shot. Our military leverage is just much weaker. Our primary leverage that we had during the Obama administration—the removal of oil sanctions—will not be available to us in these negotiations because we have already demonstrated that those sanctions will be released just to get Iran to reopen the strait.

So we won't have the military leverage. We won't have the oil sanctions leverage. We will be dealing with a regime that is harder line than the one we were dealing with prior. There is no world in which, at the end of this conflict, we are getting a better nuclear agreement than the one that Trump left.

Billions of dollars wasted; 18 Americans dead; thousands of civilians and children in the Middle East killed; our military stockpile is dangerously depleted; new wars in the region breaking out by the week; the Strait of Hormuz and possibly the Red Sea now closed, controlled by our enemies; gas prices skyrocketing; the global economy

melting down—all of this, for what? Nothing. Not a single war objective achieved. Not a viable path to achieve any of them in the coming months.

This war was a mistake from the start. Everyone except for Donald Trump knew it would be a disaster. It is a disaster, and we have a chance today to vote to end it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

NOMINATION OF DANIEL MACK TRAYNOR

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Judge Daniel Traynor's nomination to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Judge Traynor is seeking to fill a seat being vacated by Judge Ralph Erickson, who will be taking senior status upon Judge Traynor's confirmation. I want to take this opportunity to thank Judge Erickson for his many years of serving on the bench. Whether at the State district court, the Federal district court, or as a circuit court judge, Ralph Erickson has been a dedicated public servant, and we thank him for his hard work over the decades.

I actually have known him since high school. He was on both the football team and the basketball team, and he is a huge guy. I remember he was a good lineman, and I remember that if he stood in the lane at basketball, you couldn't get anywhere near the basket. You had to kind of shoot a 3-pointer. A super guy, great sense of humor, good friend.

We will miss Ralph in terms of his full-time status, but the good news is, he will be on senior status and still involved. He is just a tremendous judge, and I am very confident that Judge Traynor will do a fantastic job carrying on his legacy.

Today, I have the privilege of supporting a nominee in Judge Traynor who embodies the highest standards of judicial service and who has dedicated his professional life to upholding the rule of law. Judge Traynor is a man of integrity, intellect, and deep faith in our constitutional system. He has earned a reputation as a thoughtful and fair jurist whose commitment to justice is respected by those who know him and those who have appeared before him.

Judge Traynor is a lifelong North Dakotan through and through. He was born in Devils Lake, ND. He received his bachelor of arts from the University of North Dakota and his juris doctorate from the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Judge Traynor's roots in our State have shaped his understanding of the law's impact on individuals, on families, on businesses, and on our rural communities. Throughout his career, Judge Traynor has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and to the faithful application of the law.

Since his confirmation to serve as judge for the U.S. District Court for

the District of North Dakota, Judge Traynor has distinguished himself through his diligence, impartiality, and careful attention to the facts and law before him. His judicial record reflects a deep respect for the Constitution and appreciation for the limited role of the judiciary and a commitment to deciding cases based on the law rather than on his personal opinion or policies.

The Eighth Circuit plays a critical role in interpreting and applying Federal law throughout our region of the country. The citizens it serves deserve a judge who approaches that responsibility with independence, impartiality, and fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Traynor possesses each of these qualities. He does not legislate from the bench.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Judge Traynor is a devoted husband, father, and member of his community. His wife Patricia, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, along with their three children—Mary, Mack, and Joe—are rightfully proud of what Judge Traynor has accomplished. He understands the values of hard work, service, and responsibility that are central to the people of North Dakota and the Eighth Circuit.

I am proud to support his nomination. I am confident that he will serve with distinction on the court of appeals. For all these reasons, I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES WITHIN OR AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS—Motion to Discharge

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1546a and in accordance with section 601(b) of the International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act, I move to discharge the Committee on Foreign Relations from further consideration of S.J. Res. 180.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to discharge from the Committee on Foreign Relations, S.J. Res. 180, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HOEVEN). The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator SHEEHY be able to speak for up to 5 minutes, that I then speak for up to 20 minutes, and Senator SCHUMER be permitted to speak for 2 minutes before the scheduled vote.

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

The Senator from Montana.

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Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, yesterday, we saw the President of the United States and many others at Dover Air Force Base presiding over a ceremony that is very sacred to those of us who served, and that is a dignified return of remains from the war zone. And that process happens beginning in the war zone, through Dover, to the hometown of our fallen heroes.

I have participated in many of those ceremonies myself, to include carrying friends of mine off the plane. One of those is on this bracelet. He was cut in half by an Iranian BFD.

This regime that we are fighting does not care about our partisan politics. They don't care who you voted for, who you pray to, or where you live. They want to kill all of us. They don't just say it; they actually do it. And they have been doing it for 47 years.

This is a war of choice; the Democrats are correct. It is a war of choice that was begun by a radical, lunatic band of terrorists that took over a beautiful nation 47 years ago—took it over with brutality, force, and savagery. And the second they took it over, they didn't free their people, they didn't unleash the largest oil reserves in the world to build schools and bridges. They took it over to murder their own people and to spread their disgusting ideology across the world, and that is exactly what they have been doing.

They don't just say it and talk about it. You don't have to believe what they say. You can simply watch what they have done. They have attacked families, women, children, innocent people. They don't just attack them and kill them. They rape them. They skin them alive, on camera. They celebrate it. They honor those people who do disgusting things that we would put in jail for the rest of their lives in this country, and they do it for fun. And they pay them money to do it, and they are heroes for that nation. They have done it to friends of mine. They have done it to families who have been in this Chamber.

The fact that we sit here and listen to elected officials of this country defend these lunatics who want us all dead—they want all of you dead. They want all of us dead. They don't want us to disappear with the snap of a finger; they want us to be raped, burned alive, and cut into pieces.

Watch the video from October 7. That is what they want to happen, from Maine to San Diego, from Seattle to Miami. They want this country turned into a burning husk of its former self. And you don't have to theorize that. That is what they do—from the 1983 barracks bombing where 280 marines were vaporized in the morning; from the USS *Cole* to the *Achille Lauro*; to every terrorist attack from the Houthis, Hezbollah, Hamas. These are

not humanitarian freedom organizations; they are death-dealing cults, and they want all of us to die brutal deaths.

William Buckley was abducted in 1985, an American military officer. He was skinned alive on camera by the Iranians. American prisoners of war who were captured—they were never called prisoners of war because they were captured by lunatic terrorists, so they were not subject to the Geneva Convention. They were captured and murdered—power drills through their brains. This is in Iran.

These are families that have dealt with this, and they have never gotten a single dime. These families have never gotten restitution.

And not a single President has ever stood up to them. Love Donald Trump or hate him, love his policies, hate ICE, love ICE—whatever. There has never been a single President who has stood up to Iran and hit back. For 47 years, our troops and our families have been absorbing attack after attack after attack, all over the world.

And their radical ideology does not stop at the Persian Gulf. It doesn't stop at Tel-Aviv. They want to do this everywhere. It is a global radical ideology, and we have been fighting it for half a century.

We didn't start this war. We did not. But we will finish it. And forever wars are not popular with anybody these days. Both sides love to attack our forever wars. I can promise you, being someone overseas wearing the uniform, when you are fighting for your country, you don't care what party is in office, but you are fighting to defend your country. When you turn on the news and see your elected officials stabbing you in the back, telling you that you are failing, that you have failed every goal of the war is what I just heard—the last time I checked, we have wiped these bastards out. An occasional missile strike and boats in the strait—that is not military strength. Those are the failings of a failing empire. Those are the failings of a nation in collapse because they deserve it.

So I encourage our colleagues on both sides of the aisle—whatever is politically convenient, whatever plays well on Twitter or Facebook—to think about the people who are deployed right now, standing on that wall with a loaded weapon, who have volunteered to defend our country and our way of life, because they are there defending us in a just war—because we did not start the war with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

They started it with us 47 years ago, and their attacks have gone unanswered for half a century. It is time to fix this problem and make sure another generation of Americans does not have to fight this murderous, savage adversary.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I want to start by thanking Senator

SHEEHY for his service to our country in our Armed Forces and thank every single soldier who serves our country in uniform and mourn the deaths of every single American servicemember who has been lost in this war and any other war.

I listened carefully to the Senator from Montana. He is right that the Iranian regime doesn't care about what is happening in the United States; doesn't care about politics of the United States.

You know what else they don't care about? They don't care about the Constitution of the United States of America. They don't care about that either, but we—we, in the Senate—we should care about the Constitution of the United States of America because the Framers of our Constitution deliberately vested the power to declare war in Congress because they understood the enormous consequences of sending Americans into harm's way.

So if our Republican colleagues have the strength of their convictions, they should bring an authorization to use military force in Iran to this floor. We have not seen that. In 140 days, we have seen nothing. If you want to be true to the Constitution of the United States, that is what Republicans would do.

And the Iranians don't give a damn about our Constitution, but I would hope that those in this body have been sworn to uphold it would give a damn about our Constitution because the Framers understood—they understood that decisions involving war and peace should not rest with any one individual.

You can glorify President Trump all you want, but the Founders—the Founders, those who helped write the Constitution—understood that that power should not vest with one person, whoever that person may be regardless of party. That is what the Founders said.

The Constitution entrusted that solemn responsibility to the Congress where the elected representatives could openly debate and vote on those questions before any President sent our sons and daughters to fight and die in foreign lands. We may disagree about whether this is a good idea or a bad idea, but we should not disagree that that is what the Constitution requires, and that is what our oath requires.

So, yes, I rise to urge my colleagues to support my War Powers Resolution to end this disastrous and illegal war against Iran that President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu launched over 140 days ago. The Constitution is unambiguous. This is not a close call.

And yet, right now—right now—we are finding ourselves confronting exactly the circumstances that the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution of 1973 were designed to prevent. They were designed to prevent one person from taking this country to war. They were actually designed in the hopes that this Senate and this Congress would do their constitutional

duty and vote yes or no but take responsibility for decisions that send our men and women into harm's way—take responsibility.

Nearly 5 months ago, President Trump launched this illegal war. He launched it against Iran. And as I said, he launched it without any authorization. Since then, Senate Democrats and some Republicans have tried to reassert the constitutional role of Congress.

We have voted 11 times on resolutions to end the war. And finally last month, both Chambers passed H. Con. Res. 86, directing the President to terminate hostilities against Iran. It was a historic vote. It marked the first time since the War Powers Resolution was enacted in 1973 that Congress successfully used this mechanism that was designed to halt the unauthorized use of force by the President, by any President.

That resolution was not a suggestion; it is legally binding.

The Iranian regime may not care about that resolution, but we should care and the Constitution requires that we care. The passage of that resolution should have marked the end of this disastrous war, but time and again, President Trump has shown he has no respect for the Constitution.

He was asked months ago whether he had to abide by the Constitution. His answer: I don't know.

That is a President who has no respect for the rule of law, but we should.

Instead, what the Trump administration has done is steadily expanded this conflict, moved further away from diplomacy and further away from a durable peace.

When the memorandum of understanding between the United States and Iran was signed in June, I stood on this floor and said I hoped it would become the foundation for a broader diplomatic settlement.

Many Republicans opposed that memorandum of understanding. I hoped that it would finally begin the long task of climbing out of a big hole this illegal war has created.

That hope is gone now.

This moment—this moment we are in now—is a pivotal one in the war and for our role in it. Just this morning, the House of Representatives passed another resolution to end the war. That is how democracy works. The Iranian regime doesn't care about our democracy, but we should, and the Senate should pass this resolution just as the House passed a War Powers Resolution.

This is the first War Powers Resolution since the United States resumed daily strikes against Iran and the first since we reimposed a full naval blockade. It is the first resolution since another four American soldiers were killed. It is the first resolution since shipping in the Strait of Hormuz has once again been ground to a halt.

And I think all of us here in the Senate know the Strait of Hormuz was

open before President Trump launched this war.

In the weeks since the last vote, more civilians have been killed as well, and the United States and Iran are now deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure. President Trump said that he will destroy a bridge or a power-plant in Iran for every ship attacked in the strait.

It did not have to be this way. Many of us warned before this war began that military force would not achieve the vague, constantly shifting objectives its advocates promised. We warned that abandoning diplomacy would make the region more dangerous, not less. We warned that military action would strengthen the most hardline voices inside of Iran rather than weaken them. We warned that this conflict would destabilize the region, threaten the global economy, drive up costs for American families, and ultimately leave the United States worse off.

And since then, every single one of those warnings has come true. I wish they hadn't, but they have.

We have heard the arguments warmongers have used to justify this stupid war before. The promises of quick victories, that just one more bombing campaign would finally produce lasting peace. We have heard that regime change is just around the corner. We have heard repeated calls for military adventurism while diplomacy was dismissed as some kind of weakness.

Those arguments were wrong before, and they are wrong today.

This is the same kind of delusional thinking that sucked the United States into endless wars in the past, the kind of endless wars that this President promised he would keep us out of. When he promised he would focus on bringing down prices, he has done the opposite.

So we must make better choices, and we cannot allow the past to repeat itself. But that is what happens when your objectives keep changing. That is what happens when you convince yourself against all available evidence, that just 1 more week or 1 more month of fighting will bring victory.

You know, on March 1, the day after starting the war, President Trump was asked how long the war would go on.

Does anybody remember what he said? "Four to five weeks." It will be over in "four to five weeks," he said.

Well, the President said that about 20 weeks ago, and it was all a lot of nonsense.

In late March, he repeatedly claimed victory. President Trump said "We won." Go look it up. It is all over his social media channels. "We won." "We won."

Colleagues, I have some questions. If we won back in March, why are more Americans getting killed in July? If we won back in March, why is the Strait of Hormuz closed? If we won back in March, why is the war expanding as Houthis attack ships transiting the Bab el-Mandeb Strait into the Red Sea?

If we won back in March, why are oil and gas prices and diesel prices shooting through the roof again, imposing costs on every American family?

Is that their definition of winning? Well, I wondered what their answer to that question was. So earlier this week, I asked Secretary of Defense Hegseth what his definition of winning looks like. And there was no clear answer. That is because their objectives keep changing.

He finally settled on the objective of making sure Iran does not get a nuclear weapon. But colleagues, remember this: Last year—just last year—shortly after Operation Midnight Hammer, the 12-day war, here is what Secretary Hegseth told the country "our bombing campaign obliterated Iran's ability to create nuclear weapons."

The President told us the same thing, and the President's Director of National Intelligence testified in this Senate just months ago that it was the assessment of the United States Government that Iran did not intend to start any enrichment program.

The President, during the time the memorandum of understanding was in place, hailed the fact that the Iranians said they had no plans and would not build a nuclear weapon. Apparently, the President had not been informed that they had made that commitment over a period of years.

The whole purpose of the JCPOA was to hold them to that commitment to make sure that we could identify immediately if they were violating that commitment.

Of course, that is the agreement that President Trump tore up in his first administration.

So when I pointed all this out to Secretary Hegseth, all he could go back to was tired, old talking points that has gotten us in this mess and keeps us in this mess. In fact, it clarified the reality of what we have known since day one, that the Iran war is a war in search of a mission.

Colleagues, that is how forever wars begin. Eighteen American servicemembers have lost their lives. Hundreds more have been wounded, including over a 100 just from the last 2 weeks, and the civilian death toll continues to rise.

At the start of the war, an American Tomahawk missile strike killed more than 150 Iranian civilians in Minab, more than 100 of them children. On top of those killings of schoolkids, thousands of other civilians have been killed or injured across Iran, Lebanon, Israel, and the rest of the region.

On top of all that, oil prices jumped; then they settled a little bit during the memorandum of understanding; and now they are jumping again. They have risen back to a national average of around \$4 a gallon and rising. Diesel prices have surged above \$5 a gallon.

All of us understand that when gas and diesel prices go up, those increased costs filter throughout the economy. Trucks that are trucking food from one

place to another: higher diesel prices, higher food prices, higher grocery prices throughout our economy, imposed on families already struggling with the costs of groceries and housing and healthcare and childcare and other necessities.

And, again, this is the President who said that he was going to end wars and focus on bringing down costs.

This is a strategic blunder on a massive scale. It is a self-inflicted wound on our country and all for what? That is the question every one of us should be asking as we vote shortly on this War Powers Resolution. How has continuing this war made the American people safer?

How has it made the Middle East more stable? How has it strengthened America's national security? I have yet to hear a credible answer to that question, and that is because there isn't one.

You know, these are the kind of questions that should be asked before a war is started, before we put American troops at risk. Colleagues, there is no good way out of a bad war. But as I have said repeatedly, when you are digging yourself a hole, the first thing you should do is stop digging, and that is what this resolution seeks to do.

Let us stop pretending that Congress has no role to play while American servicemembers remain in harm's way. Many of the people who enthusiastically supported launching this war have been unwilling to take responsibility for authorizing it.

That should concern every Member of this body. It should concern every American, regardless of party, because if a Member of the Senate truly believes that this war is justified and the right thing to do, put it up for a vote. Put it up for a vote for an authorization to use military force.

I disagreed with the decision to go to war in Iraq. And President Bush asked for an authorization for military force, and this Congress acted on it. In my view, they made the wrong decision, but at least they took responsibility for their actions as the Constitution requires.

So this is an opportunity, as the war escalates even further, as more American servicemembers are killed, as more civilians are killed, as oil and gas prices and other prices go up—this is an opportunity for this Congress to finally take responsibility. We passed the concurrent resolution in the past. We know the President has no respect for the law, but we have an obligation to our constituents. We should not duck that responsibility.

We should not simply allow this war to go on without up-or-down votes on an authorization to use military force. And today, we have a chance to take accountability and send a message by supporting this War Powers Resolution.

I urge all my colleagues to adopt it. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, Trump got America into this mess in Iran, and he has made it clear he is both unwilling and unable to get us out.

For the sake of our servicemembers, their families, working people from one end of the country to the other who are getting crushed by higher costs and gas prices, Senate Republicans need to join us and end Trump's war in Iran.

People across the aisle know—most everyone here knows—what a fiasco this war has been. Well, now we need a little courage and strength to end it. And we need to get our Republican colleagues to step up to the plate and do what that they know deep in their hearts is the right thing to do.

How many servicemembers will die before Senate Republicans decide this war needs to end? How many of our troops will be wounded before Senate Republicans find a spine? How many times will Democrats have to force a vote on our War Powers Resolution to bring our troops home before Senate Republicans join us? And they are going to have to vote on it again and again and again until they join us in ending this war.

Every time Republicans oppose our War Powers Resolution and vote against ending this war, they lose the faith of the American people. Senate Republicans keep trying to protect Donald Trump, but it is our men and women in uniform whose lives are in danger they should be protecting.

Senate Republicans know how dearly this war is costing the American people: gas \$4 a barrel, crude oil over \$100, families shelling out hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in extra costs on basic goods, but Senate Republicans just want everyone to be calm and carry on.

But the American people are not calm. They don't like this war—Democrats, Republicans, Independents. So Senate Republicans need to wake up, not next week, not next month—now. Now is the time to wake up, Republicans. Now is not the time to keep bending the knee to Donald Trump, as he dizzies himself running around in circles chasing his own tail.

It is time to stand up for the American people and declare in one voice that this war cannot and must not go on. Every Member of the Senate, whatever your politics, ought to be up in arms over this war, its lack of direction, its lack of conclusion, its lack of consistency. Every single Senator ought to support our resolution to end this war.

We will keep forcing votes until Senate Republicans stop playing dumb and summon up the courage to do what is right.

VOTE ON MOTION TO DISCHARGE

Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to discharge.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

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

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Leg.]

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—49

Armstrong	Fischer	Moran
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Ricketts
Blackburn	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Budd	Hoeven	Schmitt
Capito	Husted	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Johnson	Sheehy
Cotton	Justice	Sullivan
Cramer	Kennedy	Thune
Crapo	Lankford	Tillis
Cruz	Lee	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Wicker
Daines	Marshall	Young
Ernst	McCormick	
Fetterman	Moody	

NOT VOTING—4

Britt	Murkowski	Paul
McConnell		

The motion was rejected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

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.

NOMINATION OF DANIEL MACK TRAYNOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, prior to his confirmation to the district court, Judge Daniel Traynor showed his true colors as a MAGA partisan. After he was confirmed, he had a chance to show that he could be a neutral arbiter on the bench. Yet after more than 6 years as a jurist, Judge Traynor has confirmed what Democrats warned about, that he would be a rubberstamp for President Trump.

As just one example, Judge Traynor has ruled in favor of the Trump administration in all 28 cases on his docket