

American people. Shutdowns strain our national security agencies. They threaten military, law enforcement, and civilian pay. They endanger nutrition benefits, farm programs, and a whole lot of other stuff. They are bad for our economy, and they snarl air travel. I could go on.

Shutdowns hit our country—they hit the American people—hard, and we owe it to the American people to ensure that they do not face another shutdown this fall. That is why Senate Appropriations Committee Chair COLLINS has been hard at work drafting a clean, bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government through the November elections. I appreciate everything she has done to make this happen—engaging with Members of both parties and working through the necessary anomalies from the Office of Management and Budget—and I intend to bring the CR to the floor for a vote next week.

Again, I would emphasize that the appropriators are working in good faith to produce a clean, bipartisan product that is free of poison pills, and I hope that will ensure a robust bipartisan vote next week so that the American people don't have to spend the next 2 months wondering if the Senate is going to do its job, because that is what this is—our job. Funding the government is our most basic responsibility as Members of Congress, and we owe it to the American people to get that job done and done now.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the clean, bipartisan continuing resolution and get our government funded.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

DEMOCRAT PARTY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today's Democrat Party is being driven by extremists, and there is actually an extreme group that is driving the party further and further to the left. It is called the Democratic Socialists of America. Its membership is growing, its radical candidates are winning, and its far-left vision is spreading. You may see it happening in Michigan this coming Tuesday with their primary election.

This organization has issued a manifesto. That is right—a manifesto. In a recent interview with FOX News, the cochair of the Democratic Socialists of America admitted that this manifesto is filled with policies and politics that are extreme. She admitted it. Let me say it again. The cochair of the Democratic Socialists of America admitted on national television that their manifesto is filled with extreme policies. She has now become the face of today's Democrat Party all across the country.

She was asked whether her organization wants to abolish the U.S. Senate. She said, "True."

She was asked whether they want to replace the Presidency and the Supreme Court.

She said, "Yep."

She was asked whether they want to abolish ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

She said, "Absolutely."

She was asked whether they want to abolish borders and give amnesty to every illegal immigrant in America, including illegal immigrant criminals.

She said, "As a long-term plan, yep."

She was asked whether they want to defund our military.

She replied, "Absolutely."

She was asked whether they want to abolish prisons.

She said, "Yeah."

She was asked whether they want government control of private companies.

She said, "Yeah. Absolutely."

There you have it. Those are some of the policies of the liberal left.

Today's Democrat Party is being driven by its activist wing. These are people who are radical, extreme, dangerous, and scary. They have put it in writing—they include it in their manifesto—and they are admitting it out loud on television.

Here in the U.S. Senate, Democrat Senators are embracing these radical policies. They are campaigning and will be campaigning this weekend for extremists in their parties. One sitting Democrat Senator, whose desk is right over there, said, clearly, we are seeing "the future of the Democrat Party."

Their manifesto is being reflected in the votes of the Democrats on this floor of the U.S. Senate.

For 65 years, the National Defense Authorization Act has passed with bipartisan support in the Senate. This month, every single Democrat in this body voted to block funding for our military. Our servicemembers are paying the price, and they are paying the price because the Democrats have turned to the radical left. Even the New York Times admits Democrats have crossed a red line by blocking defense funding.

The same radical agenda that targets America also targets our closest ally, Israel. One of the leaders of this anti-Israel campaign is the current mayor of New York City. He has called for the arrest of Israel's Prime Minister. This is exactly what their radical manifesto demands. The liberal, extreme mayor of New York City wants to hand over the Prime Minister of Israel to an unaccountable group called the International Criminal Court. It is not a real court. It lacks legitimacy. It lacks credibility. In its 24 years of existence, it has never charged a single leader of Iran for Iran's atrocities against the world. Yet this group claims the right to arrest and punish America's men and women in uniform.

The United States is not a member of the so-called International Criminal Court nor is Israel.

The mayor of New York City is a loyalist of the United Nations, not the United States.

From the campaign trail to the cloakroom of Congress, the far left has revealed its radical beliefs. Democrats are determined to tear down our country and tear up the Constitution. They want to open the borders and control the economy. They want to weaken our military and abandon Israel.

These policies would be disastrous for our Nation. There is no part of America that they do not want to destroy.

The American people reject Democrats' radical policies. The American people demand and deserve better.

Republicans are going to continue to fight for freedom, for liberty, and for continued American greatness.

As long as there is a Constitution, Republicans will not abolish the Senate. No State will lose its equal voice without its consent, and we will not silence the voice of the people who we represent.

Republicans will not end immigration enforcement. Our priority is safety for law-abiding citizens, not illegal immigrant criminals. Republicans will never allow America to become a sanctuary country. Republicans will not abolish prisons. Republicans will not release criminals back into our communities.

Democrats' pro-crime policies are dangerous, and they are dangerous all across the country.

We have a Constitution, and that Constitution and secure borders and law and order and military strength and economic freedom—they are not optional. They are the foundation of a free society, one that Democrats want to tear down.

Without these fundamental foundations of a free society, there really is no safety, no security, no prosperity, and no self-government. Republicans and most Americans know that. Without them, there is no United States of America.

Let me end where I began. Today's Democrat Party is being driven by the radical left. They have a movement. They have a manifesto. And they mean to do great harm to our country. We cannot allow it to happen.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

ECONOMY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today, the disastrous Trump economy delivered another one-two gut punch to the American people: Growth is down. Costs are up.

The American people don't need government reports and economists to tell

them how sluggish Trump's economy is or how high costs are. Americans see it at the gas pump. They see it at the grocery store. They see it whenever they pay the rent or for heating or for electricity.

Trump, on the other hand, has no clue just how deep in the dumps his economy is. He keeps calling higher costs a "hoax" and affordability a "made-up word."

In the meantime, Trump has done nothing but make matters worse with his reckless and irresponsible war, with his chaotic tariffs, and with his crusade against American energy and assault on healthcare.

And every day, while Trump's failed Presidency makes life harder for American families, where does he spend his time and energy? Enriching himself.

Democrats aren't going to let this one-two economic punch turn into a knockout blow. We are going to keep fighting to bring down Americans' costs and bring an end to Trump's failed agenda that is driving those costs up and up and up.

(The remarks of Mr. SCHUMER pertaining to the introduction of S. 5183 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, on the Iran WPR, as Trump plays keyboard warrior on Truth Social in his war with Iran, our men and women in uniform are risking their lives on the frontlines.

This aimless war has been one of the greatest foreign policy catastrophes in American history, and Trump's mess only gets worse with every passing hour.

Trump said the war would last a week, but American servicemembers are still getting killed 5 months later, and the war seems to be expanding with Iran's latest attack in Egypt's territory.

Senate Republicans cannot sit on the sidelines as Trump's war escalates out of control. Later today, Democrats will advance another War Powers Resolution so we can get our troops out of danger and end this war once and for all.

Will Senate Republicans keep helping Trump dig himself into a deeper and deeper hole in Iran or will they finally show some backbone, grab a shovel, and help Trump get out of this hole?

Republicans, do your duty to our servicemembers, to the American people, and to your own conscience. Vote for our War Powers Resolution to end this disaster.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO "RESTORING FLEXIBILITY IN THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)"—Motion to Proceed

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 533, S.J. Res. 199.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 533, S.J. Res. 199, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)".

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

The Senator from Washington.

CHILDCARE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, while President Trump's top priorities are \$1.5 trillion in war spending and a golden ballroom, those are not the priorities that American families are focused on. Everywhere I go, I hear from families about the crushing cost of childcare, so it is no surprise to me that 80 percent of voters say the high cost of childcare is a major problem. This is at the beating heart of our economy. If Mom and Dad don't have affordable, high-quality childcare, Mom and Dad can't go to work.

But while Trump has plunged us into an affordability crisis, a war that no one asked for, all while families are struggling to get by, he is hell-bent on making our country's childcare crisis even worse. Right now, Trump's HHS ended a 7-percent copayment cap on childcare costs for the very low-income families who already receive Federal childcare support. This is already a very modest Federal program that needs to be supersized in order to meet the needs of every child who needs it. Even with this program, many households are paying more than 20 percent of their household income on childcare costs.

When Democrats put forward this policy, we said no family who qualifies for this subsidy should pay more than 7 percent of their income for childcare. Trump tore that up.

We should be having a debate about how we increase childcare funding. How about, instead of a \$1.5 trillion war budget, we make sure every working family in America can afford childcare. Well, Trump's tariffs already tax diapers, formula, and the car seat. Now he is coming for commonsense childcare policies, taking us in the wrong direction at a time when families need affordable childcare more than ever. If Trump had simply done nothing and left the 7-percent cap in place, some of these families would have ended up saving as much as \$15,000 a year for their family.

This is really a slap in the face to moms and dads all over the country—and to childcare providers, who are already stretched thin to make their budgets work and keep their doors open and keep qualified employees in a field that has very high turnover.

The good news: Congress can now force Trump to reverse course on this—today, right now. Very soon, we are going to be voting on my resolution to overturn Trump's anti-childcare rule and bring back that 7 percent income cap. This shouldn't be controversial. You are either voting to lower childcare costs or to increase them.

Not too long ago, President Trump said openly that he believes—and I am going to quote him—we can't afford daycare; we have to pay for war.

We can afford childcare. Trump just wants to use our taxpayer dollars to fund war and tax cuts for billionaires. Trump says we can't afford childcare, but he is wrong.

The truth is, we can't afford to ignore childcare. I know that investment in childcare is an investment in our families and an investment in a stronger economy.

To my colleagues: If you vote to let this rule stand, own it. Go home and tell the parents in your State you voted to raise their childcare bill. You cannot call yourself pro-family while voting to make it more expensive to raise one. You just can't.

That is why I am calling on my colleagues to join me today and pass this resolution.

Every Senator is going to cast a vote today on a simple question: Should working parents pay more for childcare or less? Donald Trump wants them to pay more—more at the pump, more at the grocery store, and now more to drop the child off at daycare. Now the Senate will give its answers, and I promise you this: Parents are watching and parents remember.

To my colleagues: Vote for the moms. Vote for the dads. Vote for the kid in the back seat at the 7 a.m. drop-off. When childcare costs as much as the mortgage, whose side are you on?

So, again, I urge my colleagues to vote yes to lower childcare costs.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.