

Now the onus is on Democrats to negotiate in good faith and reach an agreement quickly. Notice I said “negotiate.” This is not a blank-check situation where Republicans just agree to a list of Democrat demands.

Democrats had previously agreed to a Homeland Security appropriations bill which included additional money for body cameras as well as deescalation training for Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and additional oversight of funds that have already been appropriated to DHS. Those were all things that were agreed upon when that bill was initially negotiated and supported by Democrats in the House and Senate.

Well, now they have reopened negotiations, and that means taking up ideas and priorities from both sides. We need to have a serious discussion about the climate of harassment—and worse—that law enforcement officers have been facing for simply trying to do their jobs.

We also need to address the issue of cooperation between local and Federal law enforcement. Too many jurisdictions prohibit local law enforcement from cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a situation that makes things more dangerous for everyone.

The President’s border czar Tom Homan yesterday announced that the Department of Homeland Security will be withdrawing 700 Federal agents from Minnesota, in large part, because of cooperation from local law enforcement. So I hope my Democrat colleagues are ready to have some conversations with the White House about these and other issues.

The White House has demonstrated that it is taking things seriously, and it has already resulted in body cams for all officers deployed to Minneapolis and, as I said, the drawdown of Federal agents thanks to the increased cooperation with local law enforcement that Tom Homan has facilitated.

I want to see my Democrat colleagues take things seriously as well. I would also like to remind Democrats that they are putting funding for some critical Federal Agencies in jeopardy. TSA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Coast Guard, the Secret Service, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center are all funded by the DHS appropriations bill.

I think all Americans remember the travel disaster Democrats created by shutting down the government for 43 days last fall. Should Democrats fail to agree to a DHS funding bill and shut down the TSA as a result, there is a very good chance we could see more travel problems. I would also like to remind my Democrat colleagues that the only way to get any reforms at ICE is to agree to a bill. A CR would not include any of the reforms already included, as I said earlier, in the DHS bill, which they helped negotiate and supported before they changed their mind and didn’t support it.

And a CR certainly wouldn’t include any new reforms. The Democrat leader was complaining about the announcement about body cams for Federal officers in Minneapolis, asking why it wasn’t for the whole country. Well, I would like to remind him that the DHS bill we negotiated already includes money for additional body cams—somewhere on the order of \$20 million for additional body cameras.

The Democrat leader also complained he doesn’t trust the administration’s reforms and that we need a law. Well, getting a law is well within the Democrats’ power, but, again, Democrats have to be willing to actually reach an agreement.

If they are coming to the table demanding a blank check or refusing to consider any measures but their own, they are likely to end up with nothing, which is fine if Democrats just want a political issue.

But if they actually want to do something, then, again, they are going to have to be willing to reach agreement with the White House on a final bill. One week and one day more, that is the timeline that the Democrats demanded, and I say “demanded” and actually got. They were granted.

After having negotiated a six-bill package, which included the DHS appropriations bill, they decided, no, we are not going to do that. People want to blame the White House. They want to blame Republicans. Republicans had nothing to do with that. It passed the House, the six-bill package, including the DHS appropriations bill, with 341 votes in the U.S. House of Representatives. Almost 80 percent of the entire House had cleared the DHS appropriations bill that was included in the package that the Senate was going to vote on that the House had already passed.

And then it came over here, and the Democrats decided to blow it up. All of a sudden, the bill that they helped negotiate and write and be a part of, which included all the reforms that I mentioned—deescalation training, body cameras—all those things were included in the bill that they said they didn’t then want to pass.

So they wanted a separate discussion about those issues and demanded that if we didn’t give them that, they weren’t going to vote for the package.

And so they got what they wanted. And then we had a debate about how long should the CR go for to allow the sides to come together behind an agreement. And I suggested—our side suggested—that perhaps 6 weeks would be a sufficient amount of time to have an earnest negotiation with all the parties at the table and then time to execute actually passing whatever is agreed upon across the floor of the House and the Senate and getting it on the President’s desk.

The Democrats demanded a 2-week CR or they wouldn’t vote for the package. And so they got what they wanted, which is a 2-week continuing resolu-

tion to fund the Department of Homeland Security and the other things I mentioned—FEMA, TSA, Coast Guard, all those things—for 2 weeks. And yet they haven’t appeared yet to want to negotiate on all the things that they are demanding.

They put out a list of demands yesterday. Our team, our folks, have tried to get with them to sit down at the table and with the White House to reach an agreement that would enable the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill to actually be passed here in the Senate and the House and sent to the President. But that is not, right now, even in the realm of possibility because they are not engaging.

We have got a now 1 week and 1 day timeline in which to do this, which is entirely unrealistic and a Democrat Party, both in the House and the Senate, which seems a lot less interested in getting a solution to this than they do in having a political issue.

If, for some reason, the Department of Homeland Security ends up in a shutdown, it is going to be totally on them. They will own it. We have tried repeatedly, they have agreed repeatedly, before they decided not to agree and to demand something else, which they also got. But as of right now, we aren’t anywhere close to having any sort of an agreement that would enable us to fund the Department of Homeland Security, and so I would hope that the Democrats will come to the table.

The timeline that they asked for has been granted, and I hope that they are finally ready to get this done. It is important for the American people. All of these Agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which oversees disasters in this country—we have a number of weather-related disasters in this country that are going to require the able attention of FEMA—a lot of important Agencies that won’t get funded if they remain in this posture of resisting anything that doesn’t give them all of their demands.

But worse yet, not only insisting on all the demands, most of which are, as they know, very unrealistic and unserious, but perhaps even more important than that, at least as of right now, they are not willing to engage in a negotiation and discussion to try and reach a result.

I hope that changes. I want to get this done. We want to get this done. I hope that there are Democrats who also want to get this done, and I know the President of the United States is prepared to sign a bill once these negotiations get underway and reach an agreement.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, for months—for months—Americans have watched in horror as ICE agents have stopped acting like law enforcement

and started terrorizing communities across the country. In cities like Minneapolis, Chicago, Phoenix, and elsewhere, Federal agents have been running around with no identification, barging into homes without warrants, arresting people without due process, using force in ways that violate people's constitutional rights. On two occasions, American citizens were executed in broad daylight. No other police department in America—no city police, no sheriffs, no State police, or until recently, no Federal police—would tolerate this kind of unrestrained barbarity.

The American people are reacting. They are appalled. The data shows that, overwhelmingly, even Republicans—non-MAGA Republicans in particular—are really upset about these violations of rights. They look at the pictures on TV, and they say: This is not America. This is not America.

Well, Donald Trump is realizing that Americans are turning against him on this issue. And it is not an immigration issue; it is a public safety issue, and the Republicans are on the wrong side of public safety right now. In fact, they are defending using tax dollars to create chaos in our cities instead of using those dollars to reduce costs of healthcare.

Well, Donald Trump is getting it. He called me last week because he didn't want to have the six bills tied together. He knew Homeland Security was much more of a problem.

And yesterday, in an interview, Trump said: “[M]aybe we can use a little bit of a softer touch” when it comes to ICE's tactics.

Well, President Trump, if you want a softer touch, then the right answer is to lean on Republican leaders in Congress to pass the proposals Democrats have put together. Frankly, Republican leaders can't get it done without you, President Trump, because they are too scared and too gripped by the extreme right to do anything without your backing.

Their immediate rejection of the Democrats' reasonable, commonsense proposals was totally predictable because the Republican leaders don't want ICE to have any accountability—totally adverse to what Americans believe and want.

Passing legislation along the lines that Democrats have proposed is the right thing to do. Americans already support our ideas. They are not extreme. They mirror the same standards that law enforcement around the country already follows.

The change, of course, will require legislation or the public won't buy it, and legislation will require Donald Trump to push the Republicans into action.

Leader JEFFRIES and I are ready to negotiate. Yesterday, we formally shared our specific demands with Republican leadership about what must happen to rein in ICE and stop the violence.

And Democrats in the House and Senate are on the same exact page about what needs to be done to rein in ICE, end the violence. What must we do? We must see the end of roving patrols. People can't just be picked up on the street and thrown into some dark place with no explanation as to why with no warrant. You can't barge into someone's home without a warrant. That is what we are saying.

We need reasonable use-of-force policies like States do. Every State has good rules for their police, for their sheriffs. Why should ICE be the only exception? Why should they be allowed to continue to terrorize our cities?

And, of course, we must have no secret police with masks off and cameras on. Speaker JOHNSON—he says that is wrong.

Why? Explain it. Every local community—I am sure the communities down in Louisiana, the sheriffs and State police, have full identification of police officers.

Yes, there is a problem with doxing, and that can easily be dealt with in the rare moment it happens. That doesn't require all masks stay on. Everyone knows that. These are just excuses because they are afraid of the rightwing who believe in this horrible stuff.

We also make clear that certain places like schools and churches and election places should be off limits.

We make it clear that American citizens cannot be arrested and detained without due process.

Republicans, Leader THUNE, Leader JOHNSON, explain why you think it is OK for American citizens to be arrested and detained without any due process. Explain it.

Just like you have to explain why you want to keep the masks on. Just like you ought to explain why people can be arrested without warrants. Explain it: Why?

But, instead, just a quick, immediate dismissal because you are afraid to negotiate.

Our demands are not crazy demands. It is the kind of stuff that applies to police departments everywhere. We are not going out on a limb saying Federal officers should have identification.

We know what we are talking about when we say that the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable search and seizure, should be obeyed. This is middle school civics class stuff we are dealing with here.

So I am just astounded to hear Republicans like JOHNSON and Republican Senators, some of them, say our proposals are somehow political or non-starters.

Political? Republicans think it is political and nonstarters to say police should identify themselves? Explain that to America.

It is not political. It is the Constitution, and it is the moral and right thing to do in a democratic country. It is about people's basic rights. It is about people's safety.

If Republicans don't like our proposals, pouting is not going to make

the chaos in the streets go away. The Republicans need to explain why to the American people. Let me say it again: If Republicans don't like our proposals, pouting is not enough. They need to explain why to the American people—because they don't have a good explanation. They are just afraid of the rightwing, some of those crazies on the right who actually do want to rip up the Constitution.

The truth is Republicans cannot explain why our ideas are extreme because they know deep down that what ICE is doing is indefensible, so they are stuck.

If Republicans think it is political or extreme to say ICE agents ought to identify themselves, again, explain why to the American people.

JOHNSON, explain why it is OK to do it in Louisiana but it is not OK to do it here, to have police identify themselves.

If Republicans think it is political or extreme to say it is wrong for ICE agents to raid churches and schools and hospitals—oftentimes with no warrant and no cooperation with local police—they should explain why.

If Republicans think the status quo with ICE is OK, they should back it up and say so to the American people.

Now, most Americans, we Democrats, support law enforcement. We support our police. They have hard jobs. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. What Americans don't support are the kind of abuses ICE is committing with impunity across communities, and police officers don't like it either. It gives them a bad name.

ICE's behavior is not law enforcement; it is thuggery. ICE's behavior is not law enforcement; it is thuggery. It puts people in danger.

President Trump knows things have to change. He should lean on Republicans in Congress to work with Democrats and deliver. This is a gut-check moment for Congress. Americans expect nothing short of real, meaningful, commonsense legislation. Americans expect us to rein in ICE and end the violence, which we can do right here, if only the Republicans cooperate and do the right thing.

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. 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.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, last night the minority leader came out