

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV.

HOUSING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT—Motion to Proceed

AFFORDABILITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, last week, Leader SCHUMER came to the floor to announce:

Lowering costs will be Senate Democrats' North Star in 2026.

He continued:

Let me repeat that so [that] America and our Republican colleagues hear it: Lowering costs will be Senate Democrats' North Star in 2026.

Well, you have to give the Democrats a lot of credit for their nerve or, maybe, for their case of amnesia, because to hear Democrats speak lately, you would think that they have zero memory of the massive affordability crisis that they created.

Well, let's just review for a minute.

Five years ago this week, Democrats were getting ready to pass a massive \$1.9 trillion spending bill with no offsets—their so-called American Rescue Plan—despite warnings that their bill's excessive spending could cause a serious inflation crisis. They passed it anyway, and it helped unleash the worst inflation crisis in 40 years—an inflation crisis whose reverberations are still being felt today.

And even as inflation rose and rose, again and again and again and again, Democrats either failed to recognize—or tried to minimize—the problem. Worse, they tried to double down on the strategy of excessive government spending that helped set off the crisis in the first place.

So Democrats are going to have to forgive me if it is just a little hard to swallow their sudden interest in lowering costs.

Democrats may talk a good game, but it is Republicans who are actually putting in the work to make life more affordable for the American people. There is no single, silver-bullet solution to inflation, but since we took control of Washington just over a year ago, we have taken a number of actions to help alleviate the burdens on hard-working Americans.

The first step was putting more money in Americans' pockets, which is exactly what we did with the working families tax cuts. Thanks to Republicans' landmark bill, the American people are benefiting from significant tax relief this year. We prevented a \$2.6 trillion tax hike on working families, with no help—zero help—from Democrats, and implemented a slew of new tax relief. And as Americans file their taxes, they are seeing lower tax bills and significantly bigger refunds. And

because Republicans delivered permanent tax relief, working people can count on having more breathing room in their budgets in the years to come, enabling them to spend, invest, and save more of their money with confidence for the future.

Government regulations can actually have a huge impact on costs, whether they are driving up the cost of new housing construction or driving up the cost of your kitchen appliances. That is why Republicans have also put a lot of effort into untangling the web of costly regulations put in place during the Biden administration.

Much of that has involved reversing Green New Deal-style rules on everything from appliances to the car you drive. Through the Congressional Review Act process here in Congress, we were able to rescind a number of Biden-era rules impacting households and small businesses.

And together, with actions taken by the Trump administration, we took aim at Biden-era mandates to force Americans into costly electric vehicles—rules requiring most new passenger vehicles to be electric in less than a decade and 35 percent by this year, similar requirements for heavy-duty trucks, and the EPA waivers that would have allowed California to impose a de facto electric vehicle mandate on the entire country.

Thanks to President Trump and Republicans, these EV mandates are a thing of the past, and the American people will have the freedom to choose the vehicle that works for their needs and, importantly, for their budgets.

The Biden years were also characterized by a clear hostility to conventional energy production, putting us on a dangerous path to a future with more expensive and less reliable energy. Republicans promised to unleash American energy, and we have made a concerted effort to ensure America's abundant natural resources are used to the benefit of the American people.

The Trump administration has reversed a number of Biden-era decisions preventing energy production in energy-rich regions of our country. Republicans also did away with the Biden natural gas tax—a tax that would have driven up energy prices even further and destroyed jobs in the energy sector.

There is more to do to bring down the cost of energy and to safeguard our energy security, and Republicans continue to work to ensure that the American people have access to an affordable and reliable energy supply for the long term.

Republicans kicked off 2026 by passing a funding bill that included a number of provisions to improve healthcare access and affordability. Among its most important provisions were measures to bring down the cost of prescription drugs at the pharmacy counter, which will complement efforts by the Trump administration to lower the cost of prescriptions.

And, this week, we have begun consideration of the ROAD to Housing Act, the most significant housing bill in at least a decade. We know that a lot of Americans are being priced out of homeownership, and this bill will go a long way toward making buying a home more affordable and accessible for hard-working Americans.

The massive \$1.9 trillion spending spree that Democrats passed 5 years ago helped set off a once-in-a-generation inflation crisis. And while Democrats may talk a good game about lowering costs, it is already becoming clear that, should they again regain the majority in the next election, their strategy will be more of the same—more spending and bigger government—the same things that helped plunge our Nation into an affordability crisis in the first place.

Don't believe me? Well, just this week, the senior Senator from Vermont released legislation that was hailed as a marker for Democrats.

What is in it? More spending and bigger government.

Well, we saw how that worked out the first time. In fact, the country is still cleaning up from how that worked out the first time.

Democrats may have amnesia when it comes to their record on costs, but I am pretty sure that the American people don't, and I very much doubt that they are going to trust the people who caused this affordability problem to solve it. But I guess the Democrats can always hope.

Meanwhile, Republicans will continue to act. We will continue to work to put more money in Americans' pockets and to make life more affordable for American families.

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.

IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Well, the last thing the American people want or need is another war in the Middle East. But if you listened to Secretary Pete Hegseth's press conference this morning, one thing is crystal clear: America is at war.

In his own words, Hegseth said:

We are just getting started.

You hear that, America? Pete Hegseth says another war in the Middle East is just getting started. He says more of our sons and daughters will be shipped off to fight in a foreign land, more of our taxpayer dollars will be wasted abroad instead of invested at home.

Hegseth also said:

We are accelerating, not decelerating.

Hegseth said:

More bombers and more fighters are arriving just today.

What is Hegseth talking about? Are we putting boots on the ground? Are we depleting our strategic munition reserves? Is there a timeline or a limit to our engagement in Iran? We have no clue because Hegseth is more interested in sound bites than explanations.

And Hegseth said:

Death and destruction from the sky all day long.

This is not how an intelligent, prudent, sober-minded military leader speaks. Just the contrast between the serious tone of General Caine, who spoke next to Hegseth, and that of Hegseth, who was almost gleeful about going to war, is stark. What Hegseth said this morning is embarrassing and childish.

So to anyone around here who thinks we are not at war, listen to Hegseth's press conference. It is little more than microwaved cable news drivel. But what he is saying loud and clear is this: We are at war, and this administration is signaling more escalation ahead.

This is insanity. Americans just spent the last two decades fighting and dying in the Middle East, and Pete Hegseth says: We are back for more.

How many parents watched their kids ship off and fight and die in Iraq and Afghanistan?

How many sleepless nights did families have over the last 20 years, worried about their loved ones? How many headlines did we watch over the decades of troops getting shot down and convoys getting attacked with wounded soldiers returning home, scarred by the horrors of war? How many billions of dollars were wasted? How much anguish, suffering, and grief did America endure?

And now, Pete Hegseth says he would be happy that we are going to do it all over again. He says: This new war is just getting started.

This is madness, and we don't even know what the administration's plan is. I just sat yesterday with my Senate colleagues for an all-Senators briefing, and let me show you how much clarity we got out of that briefing: Zero. Zero.

Even after the briefing, we walked away with zero clarity about what Donald Trump's goal in Iran is.

After my briefing this week and Hegseth's press conference this morning, it is clear they are widening the war in Iran, and I fear now more than ever that we are going to put boots on the ground, and that is precisely what the American people fear. We still don't know how long we will be there. We still don't know what Donald Trump is even trying to accomplish.

This is not how you conduct foreign policy. This is not how you conduct defense policy. And the fault for the chaos is entirely with Donald Trump.

Trump is manic. Whatever pops into his head, he says immediately. He

picks one plan one day, then he picks the total opposite the other, and he doesn't think it through. He doesn't check the facts, and nobody around him has the guts to stand up to him and tell him: Mr. President, you are wrong. He is surrounded by yes-men. This is dangerous.

Just yesterday, as Trump launches America into a war with Iran, he goes ahead and slams and critiques Zelenskyy and calls him a name, the "P.T. Barnum of Ukraine." This is insane. Donald Trump is manic, blasting one of America's friends as they fight for survival and are beginning to make gains against Russian forces—insane and certainly not how you conduct foreign policy.

Well, now, in this body, here in the Senate, we have a chance to say "enough" to Donald Trump's military insanity. Today, the Senate will vote to discharge a bipartisan resolution—led by Senators KAINE, SCHIFF, PAUL, and myself—to put a halt to military activity in Iran without congressional approval.

The resolution is the Senate Republicans' chance to put pressure on Donald Trump's manic decision to drag us into war. Americans overwhelmingly oppose war with Iran, and Senate Republicans have a duty to stand up for Americans by forcing Donald Trump to reverse course.

Today, every Senator—every single one—will pick a side. Do you stand with the American people who are exhausted of forever wars in the Middle East or stand with Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth as they bumble us head-first into another war?

To my colleagues: If you are tired of wars in the Middle East, support our resolution.

To my colleagues: If you don't want America to get dragged into another conflict that spirals out of our control, support our resolution, take a stand, do the right thing. Support this resolution.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. President, now, on the high costs for the American people, which is what they really want Trump and his administration to focus on, and the food prices.

Last night, Americans once again turned out in record numbers to support Democratic candidates up and down the ballot. The enthusiasm is unlike anything we have seen in primaries. In ruby-red States, voters showed up and voted blue in levels we rarely see in a primary. And it is not hard to understand why voters are so enthusiastic: People are fed up with Donald Trump and congressional Republicans.

Just this morning, the Wall Street Journal ran a harrowing story: More Americans are dipping into their 401(k)s just to keep up with everyday expenses. That is not what people want to do. The 401(k)s, which people put money in that they want to use for other things, but they knew they need-

ed for their retirement, and now, because of high costs, they are getting so squeezed that they have to take the money out of their 401(k).

People hate doing that. People hate cannibalizing their financial futures just to survive the present. This is not the golden age Donald Trump promised. It is a travesty, and Americans deserve better.

Americans need focus on the high costs of food, not another war in the Middle East. That is why Democrats are going to do what Donald Trump refuses to do: put the affordability crisis front and center every day, all year long.

Tomorrow morning, I will be introducing legislation aimed at one of the core drivers of higher food prices: consolidation and monopoly power in the food industry.

Grocery prices are higher than ever. If you can't afford to pay for food, nothing else matters. If more and more of your paycheck is spent on paying for food instead of keeping up with the rent or filling up the tank or paying for daycare, you are trapped, and this is how Americans feel today. They feel trapped, trapped because Donald Trump promised to bring food costs down and instead they have gone up.

My bill does what Donald Trump hasn't: giving Americans a real plan to lower food costs by breaking the pernicious stranglehold of monopolistic corporate middlemen that have weakened our supply chains and price-gouged consumers at the grocery store.

And Democrats will keep going. We recently rolled out our agenda to tackle the housing crisis. Soon we will present our plan to lower the costs of energy and childcare and to fix our broken healthcare system that Republicans have sabotaged by letting premiums skyrocket.

Donald Trump and congressional Republicans had their chance. They promised to make life better for the American people and lower their costs, but here we are on the brink of yet another war in the Middle East, with families already stretched to the breaking point at home.

The American people deserve a whole lot better, and Democrats are going to fight for it.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The 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.

WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in strong opposition to what the Democrats are putting forward on this floor of the U.S. Senate today. It is a War Powers Resolution.

Let me expose this resolution for what it is. The Democrat resolution

undercuts Americans' peace through strength.

I just heard the minority leader come to the floor, and he said that no one "has the guts to stand up to him" and say he is wrong. I think he was talking about President Trump.

Well, let me tell you, the Republicans are going to stand up to CHUCK SCHUMER and to TIM KAINE, who has brought this resolution today on the floor of the U.S. Senate, and say to them: You are wrong. You are wrong.

The purpose of the War Powers Act of 1973 is to ensure consultation and reporting. It is never intended to allow Congress to micromanage military operations. Under the statute, a President must notify Congress within 48 hours. President Trump did that. Members of this body were further briefed yesterday by top officials from the administration. The law then provides a 60-day window for continued military action.

Now, many people believe the War Powers Act is actually unconstitutional. The Constitution makes the President the Commander in Chief. Every modern President has exercised this authority. President Clinton did it in the Balkans. President Obama did it in Libya. President Biden did it in Syria and the Gaza Strip.

So why do Democrats object today? Why? It is because Donald Trump is President of the United States. That is why they are doing this. Democrats would rather obstruct President Trump than obliterate Iran's national nuclear program. Let that sink in. That is what the Democrats are trying to do. They want to use the War Powers Act as a partisan battering ram.

This is Senator KAINE's fifth War Powers Resolution since President Trump returned to office a little more than a year ago. These resolutions have been used only 11 times in 50 years since the law was passed. The Senator from Virginia alone accounts for nearly half of them. Yet Senator KAINE introduced no War Powers Resolutions—zero—when Barack Obama and Joe Biden were President.

And it isn't just the War Powers Resolution. As Democrats jeopardize Americans' peace through strength abroad, they are obstructing American security here at home.

A few minutes ago on this floor, Senator SCHUMER, the minority leader, came to the floor, and he said that what was happening in Iran is—he said, "military insanity." Those were his words.

Let me tell you what insanity is. Insanity is not allowing the Department of Homeland Security to be funded—because the Democrats are blocking that funding today. They have done it earlier this week. They have been doing it now for several weeks, at a time when our Nation is on red alert for terrorism. And they are coming to the Senate floor today to try to tie President Trump's hands in a situation in Iran that is making America safer and

making the world safer, and the Democrats are undermining our security at home.

It was 9/11 years ago—the planes into the Twin Towers, into the Pentagon, into the field in Pennsylvania—9/11. That is why we established the Department of Homeland Security: to fight terrorism.

And there is no end in sight to what the Democrats want to do, continuing to keep the Department of Homeland Security shut down. The shutdown by the Democrats is endangering every single American. The next cyber attack on the homeland, that is on the Democrats. The next shooting by a lone wolf terrorist like we saw in Texas, that is on the Democrats. Blood will be on their hands. The next criminal that crosses the border illegally and kills an innocent American, that is on the Democrats, who have shut down the Department of Homeland Security.

The American people deserve better. The American people deserve safety and are not getting it from the Democrats, as they continue to shut down the Department of Homeland Security. The Department of Homeland Security must be fully funded, and the people working there must get paid.

Make no mistake, what President Trump is doing today in Iran is right and it is necessary. For 47 years, Iran has attacked our country and our people. From Beirut to Baghdad, Iran and their terrorist proxies have American blood on their hands. Every President—every President—has pledged Iran would never have a nuclear weapon. Only President Trump had the courage to keep the pledge.

President Trump worked for more than a year on a diplomatic off-ramp. He offered Iran every opportunity to choose peace. Iran refused every offer. The Iranian regime was racing to build a nuclear weapon. It was building and stockpiling deadly missiles at the rate of 100 missiles a month. As the Defense Intelligence Agency reported, Iran had the "largest and most diverse" missile arsenal in the Middle East. Only when it became clear that Iran was preparing to attack our troops and our allies did President Trump strike first.

Operation Epic Fury is a defensive action against a clear, present, and accelerating danger. Our forces are engaged in targeted strikes against Iran's military assets. The mission is to destroy Iran's capacity to wage war, and our troops are succeeding.

This case for the mission is clearly and publicly stated. President Trump communicated our objectives within hours of the first strike: Destroy Iran's missile industry, and that includes their missiles, their launchers, and the production capacity, missiles they were stockpiling. Destroy Iran's navy. Destroy Iran's terrorist proxy network. Stop Iran from ever getting a nuclear weapon.

That is exactly what our brave men and women in uniform have done. In less than 1 week and with 100 hours

into this, Iran's Supreme Leader has been killed, its missile and drone industry destroyed, its navy sunk, the tentacles of Iran's terror network severed, and its capacity to ever produce nuclear weapons eliminated. This is American peace through strength.

President Trump absolutely acted within his article II, section 2 constitutional powers to achieve these goals. When Democrats come to the floor and they claim that President Trump lacks the constitutional authority to carry out this mission, they are wrong. When they claim President Trump has not clearly laid out our objectives to the American people, they are wrong.

Our targeted strikes also send a powerful message—and it is a message of deterrence—to our adversaries. Russia and China are seeing that American resolve is real.

There is also a profound opportunity here for the Iranian people. Operation Epic Fury is a defensive action for America, and it can lead to freedom for the Iranian people. The Iranian people have been prisoners of this oppressive regime, and they have been that way for decades. With the regime degraded, the Iranian people now have the opportunity to chart their own future. America is fighting the Iranian regime, not the Iranian people. The Iranian people aspire to freedom, and they have America's support.

Mr. President, let me return to the Kaine resolution on which we are going to be voting today. It is wrong to vote to signal weakness to our enemies. It is wrong to vote to undermine our troops in combat. It is wrong to vote to undercut peace through strength. I will vote to uphold the safety and the security of this Nation.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask consent to speak for 10 minutes.

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

IRAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, my friend the Republican whip says that we have a "clear and present danger" in Iran. Well, we are in the fifth day of this war, and so far, we have five different explanations from the White House as to why we invaded Iran.

Iran is triggering turmoil and chaos in the Middle East, that is for sure, but when you listen to these explanations of why we are willing to risk American lives, you wonder if the White House has clearly made up their mind about a strategy.

Listen to them, starting with the State of the Union Address and the President saying we have to stop Iran from developing a nuclear weapon. There is a bipartisan consensus for that position, but it is hard for this President to explain why, in his first term, he eliminated the international inspectors in Iran who were making sure that they didn't develop a nuclear

weapon. Those inspectors were eliminated by President Trump in his first term.

The second explanation of why we are at war in Iran was their development of ballistic missiles. Yet we know that this is reminiscent of the excuse given for the invasion of Iraq years ago. Remember the allegation that there were weapons of mass destruction which could harm our allies, even the United States? Ballistic missiles in Iran are not capable of reaching the United States. Using that as an excuse as a "clear and present danger" is hard to rationalize.

The third explanation of the five we have had so far from the White House is regime change. Regime change. Well, certainly, the Iranian people deserve a regime change, but are we willing to back them up? If they go in the streets and are being massacred and slaughtered like the previous administration in Iran was responsible for, what will we do? Send troops to the streets of Tehran? That has never been explained by this administration.

The fourth explanation for our invasion of Iran given by the White House in this early stage is that the Israelis were going to do it anyway and we probably would be dragged into the conflict. Really? So Israel is dictating America's foreign policy?

The fifth explanation that I heard on the radio this morning from the President last night: A nuclear war was about to be launched by Iran. Really? With what missiles? What capacity? What weapons? This is a theory that is not backed up by any type of fact.

Here is the reality. Five days into this war, we have had five different explanations of why we are in this war.

Let me tell you my experience, having been here on the vote to go to war in Iraq. It is far easier to get into a war than it is to get out of a war. I remember that vote, and I remember that night here, standing in the well of this body, when I was 1 of 23 Senators—1 Republican and 22 Democrats—who voted against the invasion of Iraq. We knew at the time that there was a possibility that a larger war would emerge rather than just a simple invasion, and it did. For 9 years, we fought on, American soldiers valiantly doing their duty and many of them losing their lives in the process. It is far easier to get into a war than it is to get out of one.

This scattershot explanation of why we are going into Iran does not give me confidence that this administration has a clear strategy, but it does confirm my fear that we have an impulsive Commander in Chief—impulsive. Remember when he said he needed to have Greenland as part of the United States and he was willing to defy not only Denmark, a traditional ally of our country, but also the NATO alliance to do it? Our Commander in Chief in Greenland? Even worse, declaring that the nation of Canada should somehow become the 51st State of the United States. For goodness' sake, for decades,

Presidents of both parties have been able to count on the friendship, support, and alliance of Canada. Now, they are in a position where they question whether the United States can be trusted to deal with. That has been achieved by this impulsive Commander in Chief.

And, of course, NATO. For 75 years, the strongest alliance on Earth, maybe in history, has kept us out of a third world war. What does this President, this impulsive Commander in Chief, do? He threatens the very basis of NATO and whether the United States has a future in it. I can't believe he did this. There are so many countries depending on the NATO alliance, and this impulsive President went to challenge them head-on and really destroyed the confidence which we have had with so many of these allies for so many years.

That is the reality of the Commander in Chief as we launched this war in Iran, and I worry about it—five different explanations in 5 days as to why we are there.

Before we ask the men and women of America, the families of America, to put their sons and daughters at risk in a war, shouldn't we have a fulsome debate here on the floor of the Senate? That is what the Republicans fear: a real debate on why this war is being launched. And that is why we have to remind them to pick up their copy of the Constitution and look at article I, section 8. It is only three words, but it is pretty clear—the powers of Congress: "To declare War." "To declare War."

Many of my Republican colleagues would like to ignore that phrase and say it means nothing. They are prepared to say that we will not have a debate when it comes to this invasion of Iran. That is a mistake. It is a serious mistake. We learned that in Iraq. And credit President Bush at the time for at least allowing us to engage in that debate before there was an active invasion. This President has not. He launched a war, and now, he is saying to Congress: Step out of the way. You have no role in this.

Ultimately, the Constitution says the American people have a role through their elected representatives in the Senate and in the House.

I urge my colleagues to support TIM KAINE's effort today to establish again what this Constitution clearly says: The power to declare war is ours. If we give it up, then we are turning our back on the Constitution and our responsibility to the American people.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question occurs on the motion to proceed.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN).

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 45 Leg.]

YEAS—90

Alsobrooks	Graham	Murkowski
Baldwin	Grassley	Murray
Banks	Hagerty	Ossoff
Barrasso	Hassan	Padilla
Bennet	Hawley	Peters
Blackburn	Heinrich	Reed
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Ricketts
Blunt Rochester	Hirono	Risch
Boozman	Hoeben	Rosen
Britt	Husted	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Cantwell	Justice	Schatz
Capito	Kaine	Schiff
Cassidy	Kelly	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Schumer
Coons	Kim	Scott (SC)
Cortez Masto	King	Shaheen
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sitkin
Crapo	Lujan	Smith
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	Markey	Thune
Daines	Marshall	Warner
Duckworth	McConnell	Warnock
Durbin	McCormick	Warren
Ernst	Merkley	Welch
Fetterman	Moody	Whitehouse
Fischer	Moran	Wicker
Gallego	Moreno	Wyden
Gillibrand	Mullin	Young

NAYS—8

Johnson	Paul	Tuberville
Lee	Scott (FL)	Van Hollen
Murphy	Tillis	

ANSWERED "PRESENT" —1

Booker

NOT VOTING—1

Cornyn

The motion was agreed to.

HOUSING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6644) to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4308

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. I call up substitute amendment No. 4308.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. SCOTT] proposes an amendment numbered 4308 to H.R. 6644.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

AMENDMENT NO. 4307

Mr. THUNE. I call up amendment No. 4307 from Senator SCOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows: