

That is critical.

According to Anonymous, we must work to drive a wedge between these groups and to frustrate Xi's ambitions in order to "cause China's elite leadership to collectively conclude that it is in the country's best interests to continue operating within the existing U.S.-led liberal international order rather than build a rival [authoritarian] order [throughout the world], and that it is in the party's best interests . . . not to attempt to expand China's borders or to export its political [authoritarian] model beyond China's shores."

That is the juxtaposition of the significant challenge we have right now with the current strategy in what Anonymous writes in this document that we should be building on.

In building on these insights, the author emphasizes that U.S. strategy should comprise seven integrated components. Many of us have come down to the floor to talk about some of these, but let me touch on a few: rebuilding the economic, military, technological, and human capital underpinnings of long-term U.S. national power, and I think we can all agree on that; agreeing on a set of limited, enforceable policy "red lines" that China should be deterred from crossing under any circumstances, such as forcibly invading Taiwan; agreeing on a larger number of "major national security interests" which are neither vital nor existential in nature but which require a range of retaliatory actions to inform Chinese strategic behavior; defining those areas where continued strategic cooperation with China remains in U.S. interests; and prosecuting a full-fledged global ideological battle in defense of our political and economic models in contrast with China's authoritarian state capitalist models around the world. Finally, all of this needs to be done in conjunction with and closely coordinating with all of our allies in Europe, in North America, and, of course, in the Asia-Pacific.

This last point is critical. Our allies are critical. We need to remember we are an ally-rich nation. China is an ally-poor nation. That is one of our huge comparative advantages in the geostrategic challenge that we have with China over the next decades.

At the end of the day, as Anonymous writes, ideas matter. Ultimately, this is going to be the contest of ideas—China's authoritarian model, which it wants to promote and export, versus the U.S. Western model of open economies, just societies, and competitive, free political systems.

Over the long term, the author writes, the Chinese people may well come to question and challenge the party's century-long proposition that China's great, ancient civilization—thousands of years old—is forever destined to an authoritarian future over which the people have no choice. That decision, however, must come from the Chinese people themselves. We can

only provide a model, and we can only show the way. We need to do so with confidence and with our allies.

As Anonymous concludes, there is a subtle, yet corrosive, force that has been at work in the United States for some time, raising doubt about our Nation's future, and some who are encouraging a sense that, as a country, America's best days may now be in the past. Well, I, for one, certainly and fully disagree with this, as does the author of the "Long Telegram." We are a young country. We are a resilient country. Our innovation is beyond compare. We are a free country, and as a result of the long twilight struggle with the Soviet Union, we also know what works: maintaining peace through strength, promoting free markets and free people at home, and having the confidence in George Kennan's insights from 1946 and 1947 that the Chinese Communist Party, like the Soviet Communist Party, likely "bears within it the seeds of its own decay."

While democracies are resilient, adaptive, and self-renewing, there are many vulnerabilities embedded in China's perceived strengths. One-man rule creates acute political risks, as Anonymous has described, that we need to take advantage of. Historical grievance can breed violent nationalism. State-directed economic growth can produce massive overcapacity and mountains of debt.

The gradual and, in some ways, abrupt snuffing out of freedom in places like Hong Kong is creating spontaneous protests of tens of thousands of young people that we have been seeing now for months. China's budding military power and historical view of itself as a nation and culture superior to many others is alarming its neighboring states, inspiring them to step up their security cooperation with the United States. Nearly half of wealthy Chinese want to emigrate, and these are the winners from China's four decades of heavy economic growth.

As we have in the past, Americans can prevail in this long-term geopolitical and ideological contest, but doing so will require a new level of strategic initiative, organization, and confidence in who we are and what we stand for. This also means we must redouble our efforts in making the strategic case not just to Americans but to others around the world, particularly our allies.

Let me conclude by saying that the "Long Telegram," while not perfect, sets out what I believe is certainly one of the best strategies I have read to date about how the United States needs to address the significant challenge that we will be facing for decades.

I hope my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, all have the opportunity to read this and analyze it, for, like Kennan's strategy of containment, our China policy, to be successful, also needs to be very bipartisan and ready to be operationalized for decades.

I yield the floor.

(Mr. HICKENLOOPER assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HASSAN). The majority leader.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HENRY LOUIS AARON

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 23.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 23) honoring the life and legacy of Henry Louis Aaron.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 23) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of January 28, 2021, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 25, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 25) designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2021, as "National School Choice Week".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 25) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appoints the following Senators as Members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, respectively: the Honorable PATRICK J. LEAHY of Vermont (re-appointment) and the Honorable CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO of Nevada.

MORNING BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF PETER PAUL MONTGOMERY BUTTIGIEG

Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I voted to confirm the nomination of Pete Buttigieg to be Secretary of the Department of Transportation. As a former mayor, Secretary Buttigieg understands that infrastructure in a state of good repair is crucial to economic growth. For too long, American infrastructure has gone without proper investment, while we simultaneously engage in a two-decade-long adventure to remake and rebuild the Middle East. Rather than increase gas taxes, I hope to work with Secretary Buttigieg and the rest of the Biden administration to put an end to endless wars, stop building infrastructure in Afghanistan, and start building infrastructure in America.

REMEMBERING BARBARA A. O'MALLEY

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, today I rise to pay tribute to Barbara A. O'Malley, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, dedicated public servant, and a veritable institution here in the U.S. Senate. She passed away last month at the age of 93.

Barbara Ann Suelzer, the daughter of Joseph and Martha Dix Suelzer, was born in 1928 and raised in Fort Wayne, IN. As a young woman, she was determined to learn how to fly. She obtained her pilot's license when she was 18, using \$100 she received for graduating from high school to pay for the lessons, and later joined the Civil Air Patrol. She was also passionate about politics and especially about being a proud Democrat. She went to Washington to work for her local Congressman and met her future husband, Thomas Martin O'Malley, at the Young Democrats headquarters; they were married in 1954.

Over the next 30 years, Barbara O'Malley raised six children—one of whom, Martin J. O'Malley, became Governor of Maryland. She was a devoted mother, grandmother to 15 grandchildren, and great-grandmother to 8 great-grandchildren.

In 1986, with her children grown, Barbara O'Malley returned to Capitol Hill to work as a receptionist for another Barbara—Barbara Mikulski—who was elected to the Senate that year. She was ecstatic to work for a female Senator. At the time, there were just two female Senators: Senator Mikulski and Senator Nancy Kassebaum from Kansas. Barbara O'Malley stayed in the Senate for as long as Senator Mikulski did—30 years. During that time, she made the Mikulski staff, constituents, other Senators and their staff, and everyone else who visited the Mikulski office an extension of the O'Malley family. Everyone who knew her felt that bond.

Mrs. O, as everyone affectionately called her, had an unwavering cheerfulness, a graciousness, and an uplifting spirit that made her one of the most admired figures on Capitol Hill and around Maryland. I always looked forward to seeing her when I would visit Senator Mikulski's office, which was located just around the corner from my own office. Everyone who knew her treasured her political acumen and institutional knowledge, not just of history and politics and Congress but of the very buildings themselves here on Capitol Hill. Her genuine devotion to public service reflected her strong values and character, which her own children have carried on in their own careers and in service to our State of Maryland and to all Americans. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of those she loved, befriended, inspired, counseled, and mentored.

Mrs. O set so many fine examples for her family and everyone fortunate enough to know her. I work on retirement issues, and one thing experts recommend is for people to keep working if they enjoy their work and are able to continue meeting whatever challenges it presents. After Mrs. O spent 30 years raising her family, she returned to the workforce at an age when many people are retiring or close to retiring, and then she worked for 30 years, until she was 88. Mrs. O was a remarkable woman who gave enormously of herself. Myrna and I join the O'Malley family, Senator Mikulski and her staff, and so many other here in the Senate and across our State, in mourning the death of this wonderful woman, but more importantly, we celebrate and give thanks for her extraordinary life.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the beauty in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded." At home with her family, in her community, and here in the U.S. Senate, Mrs. O certainly succeeded.

Mr. President, I am not the only person who would like to pay tribute to Mrs. O. Senator Mikulski, who served in the Halls of Congress for 40 years—30 years in this body and 10 years in the House of Representatives—has provided a tribute. She is not only the longest serving woman in all of Congress but also the first Democratic woman elected to the U.S. Senate in her own right, the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, an inductee into the National Women's Hall of Fame, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom award from President Barack Obama. As we remember Mrs. Barbara O'Malley, this great public servant and longtime staffer to Senator Mikulski, I thought

it would be appropriate to share Senator Mikulski's heartfelt tribute. I also have tributes from former Majority Leader Harry Reid; Senator Mikulski's chief of staff, Dr. Shannon Kula; the Acting Administrator of the National Aeronautics & Space Administration, Steve Jurczyk; and a statement from the Civil Air Patrol. I ask unanimous consent that these statements be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

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

STATEMENT OF SENATOR BARBARA A. MIKULSKI ON THE PASSING OF BARBARA A. O'MALLEY

For over 30 years I have had the good fortune to know one of our state's greatest treasures, Barbara A. O'Malley, and her passing on January 6, 2021 has left a hole in our hearts the depths of the ocean wide.

Barbara Ann Suelzer, the daughter of Joseph and Martha Dix Suelzer, was born in 1928 and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she graduated from Central Catholic High School. During World War II and while still in high school, she joined the Civil Air Patrol, Group 523, earned her private pilot certificate in 1946, and then remarkably went on to work in the office of Flying Service.

Shortly thereafter, Barbara Suelzer went to Washington, DC to work for Rep. Edward Kruse and then a few years later, while a committee woman at the Young Democrats, she met a young Georgetown University Law School student, Thomas Martin O'Malley. Their love of politics grew into a love for one another and they were married in 1954. Together, they made a home in Rockville, Maryland and raised six wonderful children—four sons: Patrick, Peter, Paul and Martin O'Malley, as well as two daughters, Bridget (O'Malley) Hunter and Eileen (O'Malley) Schempp.

To my amazing good fortune, her son, Martin O'Malley, became my 1986 campaign field director and later he went on to become Mayor of Baltimore City, Governor for the State of Maryland, and even a democratic Presidential candidate. But one of the greatest things Governor O'Malley did for me apart from his own service, was that he recommended his mother apply for the receptionist job in my new Senate office starting in January 1987. It was my distinct pleasure to have her on my staff until my retirement in January 2017.

For all who knew her, Mrs. O, greeted every constituent with kindness, care and consideration in what was after all, the people's house. She had a great love of history, and she knew the history of the Capitol. She knew every nook and cranny, even the basement, and when school groups came to the Capitol, it was Mrs. O who led the tour. She also developed relationships with other staffers and loved playing poker—and became a legend for her skill at the game—especially with other senators. Indeed, her love of flying combined with her passion for history, inspired her volunteer work as a docent for the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum for many years. In 2016, Mrs. O was formally recognized by the U.S. Civil Air Patrol during their 75th Anniversary Gala and received a replica of CAP's 2014 Congressional Gold Medal for her service during World War II.

I, along with my entire office, counted on Mrs. O over the course of 30 years. She was honest, kind, and looked out for one and all. Her life was rooted deep in her Catholic faith and together, we served the people of Maryland and this great nation. My deepest condolences go out to the entire O'Malley family and to her extended Mikulski staff family