

When President Trump sent Federal agents to attack Portlanders on the streets in the summer of 2020, Mike helped me to share the experience of those whose civil liberties had been shattered and to hold the administration accountable.

When President Trump implemented his horrific tactic of tearing children out of the arms of their parents at the border, Mike was instrumental in sharing the stories of those families with the world—stories of little children with hopes and dreams who simply wanted to play, to learn, to be loved, and be able to go to school; parents who would do anything to protect their children from violence and oppression and build for those little ones a safer future.

Mike, we will miss your wordsmithing. We will miss your adorable photos and hilarious stories of your two young children, Clara and Braden, and we really require you to keep sharing them as you go forward. Most of all, we will miss your kind, compassionate, mission-driven spirit that embodies what it means to be on our team. You are leaving big shoes to fill, but we are thrilled that you will be staying in the extended Team Merkley family, going to join our former deputy chief of staff J.P. Piorkowski in the Director's Office at the Peace Corps.

One thing our world needs more of is peace and the cross-cultural understanding that comes from Americans going out around the globe to help communities thrive.

I know that in your next chapter and whatever else you do throughout your career, you will never stop working to build a better world, and what better mission could there be for one's life than building a better world?

I wish you all the best. And thank you so much for being a member of the team.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:27 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. LUJÁN).

DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICING AND JUSTICE REFORM AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022—Continued

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following disposition of the joint resolution, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 175, Jeremy C. Daniel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; further, that the Senate recess from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the all-Senators briefing.

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

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

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

H.J. RES. 42

Mr. VANCE. Mr. President, I speak today on behalf of millions of Americans who come to Washington, DC, and want this to be a safe city where they can enjoy it, where they can view the beautiful monuments, and where they can actually live in this city comfortably and in safety.

I speak for the staff members who have seen this city deteriorate over the last decade, and I speak for the many people who have no connection to this city but want it to be a beautiful and safe place to live and work because this is where the people's business is ultimately done.

A very simple problem that we have is the DC violent crime rate and the nonviolent crime rate have gone up way too quickly, in part because the DC Council has passed a number of statutes and a number of laws that make it harder for police officers to do their job.

I will not go through the laundry list of the act that we are dealing with here today and the number of ways in which it makes police less safe in doing their job and makes it more difficult for them to do their jobs in the first place, but a few things in particular jump out. First of all, the law that we are trying to undo bans or severely restricts ordinary law enforcement practices, including the use of riot gear to disperse violent crowds; it makes it harder for police to actually give chase to violent offenders; and it also forces police to go through these ridiculous exhaustion requirements before they can use lethal force to protect themselves and people around them.

This is why a number of DC police officers and organizations don't agree with this act. It is why they think that it makes them less safe, and it is why we have to go in a different direction in this community.

I will close by saying that whether you are a Democrat or a Republican—whatever your politics are—we should be proud of this incredibly beautiful city. The people sent us here to do a

job; they sent us here to do that job proudly; and it is hard to do it if we are surrounded by crime and we are surrounded by lawlessness.

I want this to be the kind of place where Ohioans can come and visit, where they can walk the streets with their children without fear of their personal safety; and, unfortunately, DC is going in the wrong direction.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote commence immediately.

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

VOTE ON H.J. RES. 42

Under the previous order, the joint resolution is considered read a third time.

The joint resolution was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the joint resolution pass?

Mr. VANCE. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO).

The result was announced—yeas 56, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

YEAS—56

Blackburn	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hassan	Romney
Braun	Hawley	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Collins	King	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Lee	Sinema
Cotton	Lummis	Sullivan
Cramer	Manchin	Tester
Crapo	Marshall	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Tuberville
Ernst	Mullin	Vance
Fischer	Murkowski	Wicker
Graham	Paul	Young
Grassley	Ricketts	

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schatz
Booker	Kaine	Schumer
Brown	Kelly	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Luján	Van Hollen
Carper	Markey	Warner
Casey	Menendez	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Duckworth	Murphy	Welch
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Ossoff	Wyden
Fetterman	Padilla	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—1

Barrasso

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) was passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeremy C. Daniel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, this week our Nation observes National Police Week. That observation began in 1962, when President Kennedy claimed the first Police Week as a time dedicated to pay tribute to our law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

President Kennedy's proclamation stated that, during this week, "all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens."

This afternoon I rise with my colleagues to honor the dedication and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers.

Over the course of this week, we pay tribute to 443 officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in 2022.

Saturday night, just a few days ago, hundreds of police officers, family members, and others, gathered for the annual candlelight vigil honoring our fallen officers. Among those memorialized this week are four brave Kansas officers.

Deputy Sheriff Sidnee Carter, with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, was tragically killed in an automobile crash while responding to a night disturbance call.

We also lost Sheriff Robert Craft from Marion County, Officer David Ingle from the Iola Police Department, and Sergeant Stacy Murrow from the Linn County Sheriff's Department—all Kansans.

In fact, all Americans are grateful to those officers for their service and honor them in making the ultimate sacrifice for the benefit of others, for the benefit of the people they knew in their community, but also for the benefit of people they never met.

While the purpose of Police Week is to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, we also should remember how those police officers' lives as husbands and wives and mothers and fathers—as members of their communities—they

were people who happened to wear a uniform, who happened to take up a career to serve others, to protect and defend.

From educating kids in school about the dangers of substance abuse or providing driver safety education, coordinating neighborhood watch associations, and speaking at business luncheons, schools and community townhall meetings, law enforcement strive to make our community a safe place to live and raise a family and to work to foster a more safe and secure environment; in a sense, to provide justice.

During this National Police Week and throughout the year, we should remember that law enforcement needs our support. We should provide them the resources they need to do their jobs. We must also give them the tools they need to build and strengthen the bonds of trust with those they serve and our best efforts to address the underlying challenges that face our communities and individuals in their lives.

I serve as the lead Republican on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee with appropriations jurisdiction over the Department of Justice. I am committed to making certain our law enforcement officers have the resources and support they need to do their job effectively and safely.

We honor the service and sacrifice of our Nation's fallen law enforcement officers, remember those who departed, and acknowledge and express our gratitude for the sacrifices all law enforcement officers make every day they wear the badge.

During this week—and, really, every other week of the year—we should, and we do, honor those we have lost and remember the families they left behind. We ask God to comfort them in their time of grief and be a source of strength for them in their lives. May God bless our police and our local law enforcement officers. May God bless them as they do their duties, and may God hold in His arms those we have lost this past year.

RECESS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess until 5:30 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:32 p.m., recessed until 5:30 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. MARKEY).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to address the Senator from Alabama's decision to hold hundreds of nominations—literally hundreds of nominations—that have been submitted to this body, and I want to join my colleagues who have taken the ini-

tiative and stand alongside with them and our men and women in uniform who protect our right to speak in these Halls every day and our other fundamental liberties in this country.

We ask our men and women in uniform to do more now than ever before, particularly as we are engaged in countering Vladimir Putin's murderous assault in Ukraine. I have visited them in Germany, where they are training Ukrainians. I have spoken to them at the border in Poland, where they are providing essential military weapons to the Ukrainians. I have seen them at work all around the globe, as have my colleagues.

Even though we are at peace formally right now, it is only because they are a deterrent to our adversaries and enemies around the globe. The threats are rapidly evolving and rising, and the U.S. military is the only force that can stem the tide of autocracy, which is the reason why I am so, so outraged that the Senator from Alabama is choosing to cripple our military by placing on hold a series of critical nominations.

Earlier this year, Secretary Austin issued a memo, a policy memo, guaranteeing that servicemembers would have easier access to reproductive healthcare. They can now take non-chargeable leave and receive per diem while traveling to receive care, finally establishing a parity with every other medical procedure, every other healthcare procedure available to DOD personnel.

The Secretary's decision rectified a DOD policy that marginalized the women who serve in our Nation and provide that essential guarantee of peace and freedom. It damaged readiness. It truly does put people first that we have corrected that egregious error.

Instead of celebrating that servicemembers now have access to healthcare and policy programs that they have consistently sought, Senator TUBERVILLE called the policy—and I am quoting—"a waste of time and resources." He believes that protecting the well-being and privacy of those who serve—and again, I am using his words—is "immoral" and "illegal." I disagree. I couldn't disagree more. Servicemembers shouldn't have to wonder whether they are going to receive healthcare.

Providing access to reproductive care certainly isn't a distraction; it increases readiness and preparedness and the strength of our force. He is doing the very thing he accuses the new policy of doing, which is to damage readiness and jeopardize our Nation's security. He is doing it by holding up the President's nominees.

Let me just talk about those individuals whose nominations he has blocked.

Rear Admiral George Wikoff is the President's nominee to be the next commander of the Navy's 5th Fleet. He is an accomplished Navy aviator, a former TOPGUN instructor, and has