

The Anti-Defamation League has tracked the highest number of anti-Semitic incidents ever in the United States in 2023. These numbers have undoubtedly continued to rise with the ongoing campus protest.

There were over 8,800 instances, including 2,177 cases of vandalism and 161 assaults. We cannot tolerate any form of anti-Semitism, abroad or here at home in America, on college campuses, in the workplace, at our schools. Wherever we find it, we have to take action against it.

To address the 140-percent increase—just imagine that, a 140-percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents, compared to last year—I have introduced several bills aiming to strengthen civil rights enforcement against anti-Semitism. The Antisemitism Awareness Act that I made reference to earlier working with Senator SCOTT and a group of bipartisan Senators would mandate that the Department of Education considers a widely accepted definition of “anti-Semitism” in carrying out its enforcement actions.

The Department of Education has an Office of Civil Rights. That office is empowered to conduct these investigations, and we have to provide more funding, by the way, for that office to do these investigations.

They are badly, badly underfunded right now. But Senator SCOTT and I have worked together on this anti-Semitism legislation for almost a decade now, since 2016.

I want to thank our colleagues in the House who passed the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2023 yesterday with a vote of 320–91. However, one finding in the House bill is different from my and Senator SCOTT’s bill and the Biden administration’s Countering Antisemitism Strategy; that the use of other anti-Semitism definitions impairs enforcement. Taking this finding out is important because other definitions of anti-Semitism also help to address this terrible problem. But what is even more important is passing this bill today with the unique opportunity that we have. In the Senate, we must take up and pass this bill and pass it today.

The hotline to all Senate offices went out last night, but objections on both sides of the aisle prevented us from bringing our bill to the floor. We must bring it to the floor and pass it today.

But that is not all that is needed to counter discrimination and harassment on college campuses. As I mentioned earlier, the office responsible for enforcing anti-discrimination laws, the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, is—and I will say it again—badly, severely underfunded. That is why I am leading the Showing Up For Students Act, which would double the funding for the Office for Civil Rights to investigate incidents of harassment and discrimination, including anti-Semitism, on college campuses nationwide.

In the months following the terrorist group Hamas’s attack on Israel, the Of-

fice for Civil Rights has seen a more than 1,300-percent increase in complaints related to discrimination and harassment based upon shared ancestry, including acts of anti-Semitism at schools across the United States. This is a staggering increase in incidents and shows no sign of abating.

We must meet the moment and ensure that students can learn free from anti-Semitism, free from discrimination, and all—all—forms of hate.

We must pass the Antisemitism Awareness Act today to ensure that Jewish students on campuses or anywhere else in our society are protected against discrimination.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The result was announced—yeas 81, nays 10, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 158 Leg.]

YEAS—81

Baldwin	Fischer	Padilla
Barrasso	Gillibrand	Paul
Bennet	Graham	Peters
Blackburn	Grassley	Reed
Blumenthal	Hagerty	Ricketts
Boozman	Hassan	Risch
Braun	Heinrich	Romney
Britt	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Brown	Hirono	Rounds
Budd	Hoeven	Rubio
Butler	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Cantwell	King	Schmitt
Capito	Klobuchar	Schumer
Carper	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Casey	Lujan	Shaheen
Collins	Lummis	Sinema
Coons	Manchin	Smith
Cornyn	Markey	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	Marshall	Tester
Cotton	McConnell	Thune
Crapo	Merkley	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Tuberville
Daines	Mullin	Warnock
Duckworth	Murkowski	Welch
Durbin	Murphy	Whitehouse
Ernst	Murray	Wyden
Fetterman	Ossoff	Young

NAYS—10

Cardin	Kennedy	Warner
Cassidy	Lee	Warren
Hawley	Van Hollen	
Kaine	Vance	

NOT VOTING—9

Booker	Kelly	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Menendez	Sullivan
Johnson	Sanders	Wicker

The motion was agreed to.

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). The clerk will report the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray) amendment No. 1292, in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer amendment No. 1293 (to amendment No. 1292), to add an effective date.

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, Schumer amendment No. 1294, to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 1295 (to the instructions) amendment No. 1294), to modify the effective date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 423, 207, 271, 484, 519, 485, 577, 580, 583, 584, 586, 587, 588, 589, 591, 592; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the following nominations, en bloc: John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years; Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Peru; Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti; Joann M. Lockard, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Burkina Faso; Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be

Inspector General, Department of State; Robert David Gioia, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; Laura Stone, of Utah, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands; Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Indonesia; Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cabo Verde; Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador; Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Burundi; Richard H. Riley IV, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Somalia; Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan; Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Liberia; and Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos: 381, 612 through 619, 624 through 629, 631 through 633, 634, excepting Col. Catherine V. Barrington, and 635 through 646; and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, and Foreign Service, excepting PN 587; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey J. Czerewko

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203(a):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Joanna K. Hiigel

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14 U.S.C., section 2121(d):

To be rear admiral

Sean P. Regan
Joseph R. Buzzella
Wayne R. Arguin
Michael E. Platt
David C. Barata
Jo-Ann F. Burdian

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203(a):

To be rear admiral

Franklin Schaefer
Tiffany Danko

The following named officer for appointment as Deputy Commandant for Mission Support in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Thomas G. Allan, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area, in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Nathan A. Moore

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 309(b):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Tiffany G. Danko

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 2121(d):

To be rear admiral

Rebecca E. Ore

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Commandant in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 304:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Kevin E. Lunday

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Kevin J. Brown

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Jorge R. Cuadros

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey J. Kilian

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. James F. Glynn

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Joseph B. Hornbuckle

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C. section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Brian T. Cashman
Brig. Gen. Susie S. Kuilan

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stephen F. Jost

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Case A. Cunningham

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. John A. Cluck

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Jack R. Arthaud