

to vote—77 percent. Why? Because it is common sense and because you need a photo ID to do many tasks, some quite mundane. You need a photo ID to get a hunting or fishing license. You need a photo ID to rent a hotel room, to drive a car, to rent a car, to get on an airplane, to pick up tickets at will call. If these simple tasks require a valid ID, shouldn't protecting the integrity of America's election process require at least the same?

This isn't the first time Leader SCHUMER and the Democrats have tried to stick their nose into Montana's business and tried to overturn the will of Montana voters. In fact, this past election, dark money groups backed by CHUCK SCHUMER pushed to loosen election standards, such as ballot harvesting, in Montana, and they won. This is despite the fact that nearly two-thirds of Montana voters passed a law to prohibit ballot harvesting.

How is this listening to Montanans? It is not.

Montanans want election integrity. They want to trust their elections. Yet Leader SCHUMER continues to undermine their direct appeal to put commonsense practices in place.

In Montana we want everyone legally allowed to vote to be able to, and we want there to be zero doubt that those votes should count. All Montanans—Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Libertarians—should have faith in our elections.

Montana's legislature, Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen, and Montana Governor Greg Gianforte wanted to strengthen this trust, and that is what they did with these commonsense bills.

The distortion by Democrats in this country is eroding this trust. This must stop.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

#### NOMINATION OF VANITA GUPTA

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I wanted to come to the floor today to just say a brief word and maybe set the record straight a little bit about President Biden's nominee for Associate Attorney General of the United States, Vanita Gupta.

Let's start with some facts about Ms. Gupta. She is the daughter of immigrants who worked hard to receive some of the best legal education this country has to offer. She spent 2 decades as a civil rights lawyer, where she has fought to defend Americans' individual rights and freedoms, often against abuses by the government, something you would think some of my colleagues on the other side would appreciate.

When a small town in Texas wrongfully convicted 40 Americans of drug charges, based solely on the false testimony from an undercover police officer, she fought to have them exonerated, and she won them a \$6 million settlement for that miscarriage of justice.

She defended 25 children who had been separated from their parents and thrown into prison-like conditions at a private detention center in Texas. Her success in that case forced the center to improve its conditions and prevented more kids from being held there.

President Obama recognized her leadership by making her the top civil rights official at the Department of Justice, where she protected service-members from eviction, cracked down on human smugglers and sex traffickers, defended religious freedom, and protected Americans' fundamental right to vote.

Over the past 4 years, Ms. Gupta has led the largest civil rights organization in America, where she has been at the forefront of efforts to reform our criminal justice system, strengthen our democracy, and make sure COVID relief reaches those who need it most.

That is her record. It is an outstanding record. I think my colleagues on the other side of the aisle know that it is an outstanding record because they don't want to contend with her record. They don't want to contest her record. They can't defeat her nomination with the truth. So they are just using talking points that aren't true.

I heard the junior Senator from Texas say Ms. Gupta's record "is that of an extreme partisan ideologue." He called her "an extreme political activist," a "radical," and a "zealot," when all she has done her entire career is uphold the rule of law and defend our democracy, just like the 60 judges, many of them confirmed by Republican colleagues, who rejected President Trump's utterly unsubstantiated claims of fraud in the 2020 election; just like the election officials who stood up to conspiracy theories about the election at great risk to themselves and to their careers, who were all undermined by radical Members of Congress who sought to overturn the will of the voters for their own power.

I also heard the junior Senator from Texas say Ms. Gupta's beliefs "don't align with the majority of the American people." I am willing to bet every single dollar in my pocket that most Americans are quite aligned with Ms. Gupta's views.

Most Americans are very interested in having a Department of Justice that protects their right to vote, that keeps families together and kids out of prison-like conditions, to make sure that LGBT sons and daughters and neighbors can live free from discrimination.

I will tell you one other thing. Unlike some people around this place, Ms. Gupta actually has a record of reaching across the aisle to get things done. She worked with Grover Norquist and the top lawyer for the Koch brothers to pass criminal justice reform. It is why they both endorsed her, along with President Bush's former Secretary of Homeland Security, and virtually every major law enforcement organization in America, including the Fra-

ternal Order of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the Major County Sheriffs of America, and the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

So it is hard to take seriously all this talk on the other side about how Ms. Gupta wants to "defund the police." She has never supported that. When someone asked the head of the Fraternal Order of Police what he thought about these attacks, he called it "partisan demagoguery." And that is exactly what it is, and he is right.

There isn't a serious debate about her record. It is a political campaign to defeat her nomination. The American people see through it, and I hope my colleagues will see through it as well.

We would be lucky to have someone with Ms. Gupta's experience and leadership at the Department of Justice.

Many years ago, I had the privilege to work at the Department, and I know how seriously the men and women there take their jobs, and I know how grateful they would be to serve alongside someone as talented and committed to the mission as Ms. Gupta. It is why I believe tomorrow we should come to this floor and give her a resounding bipartisan vote to confirm her as the next Associate Attorney General of the United States.

I urge all of my colleagues to put aside the rhetoric and the false claims. Look at the record for what it is. The police organizations have supported her. And vote yes for her nomination.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HASSAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 1445 to S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Tammy Duckworth, Alex Padilla, Maria Cantwell, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory A. Booker, Debbie Stabenow, Brian Schatz, Tim Kaine, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Gary C. Peters, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher Murphy.

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The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 13, S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Mazie Hirono, Jeff Merkley, Debbie Stabenow, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Baldwin, Tammy Duckworth, Alex Padilla, Maria Cantwell, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory A. Booker, Brian Schatz, Tim Kaine, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Gary C. Peters.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, Tuesday, April 20, be waived.

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

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Kimberly T. Glas of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022.

The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island (Chairman); The Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut; The Honorable MARGARET WOOD HASSAN of New Hampshire; and The Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

##### HONORING STATE PATROL SERGEANT JIM SMITH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, on April 13, I delivered remarks on the Senate Floor to share my condolences for Iowa State Patrol Sergeant Jim Smith, who lost his life in the line of duty. I was honored to attend Sergeant Smith's funeral on April 16 in Independence. Jim Smith was revered as a man of strong convictions, love of family, and deep-rooted faith. Iowa State Patrol Colonel Nathan Fulk gave the following eulogy in honor of Sergeant Smith. I ask unanimous consent that the eulogy be printed in the RECORD.

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

##### COL. NATHAN FULK REMARKS AT THE FUNERAL FOR SGT. JAMES SMITH

I'm going to ask all of you here today to do something for Jim Smith. I'm going to ask you to do something for Jim Smith's wife, Kathy, his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. And what we're asking you to do today is to open your minds and your hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. His presence is here today. Jim Smith is here with us today.

Our faith teaches us that in our suffering God is with us. Jim's priorities were faith, family, and his commitment to public service and his community. During a time in history when we wonder—with conflict, adversity, and challenge, we can doubt the support we have in society. However, the outpouring of support for the City of Independence has been truly amazing. You've reminded us why we love working, serving, and living in the state of Iowa. You've reminded us why we have a strong passion to serve and protect those in the community. And you've shown us that love, compassion, and respect are true Iowa values.

This senseless and tragic loss is difficult for everyone here today. Our Department of Public Safety family, our Iowa State Patrol Family, you know we're hurting but we're not broken. We are struggling but we're not lost. And we're deeply saddened but we will work to find peace in the days ahead. Commissioner Stephan Bayens and I are extremely proud of the work you do each and every day. His expectation for our leaders is we take the absolute best care of our personnel. Rest assured that we are here for you and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

We will remain committed to serving Iowans with integrity, fairness, respect, honesty, courage, and compassion. This will be vital to our healing process and into the future. We are here for our troopers, our special agents, our communication specialists, our local law enforcement partners, and our first responders. We must navigate through this together, day by day, and week by week. We're going to continue to do our job and we're going to do it well. We're going to do it with confidence, professionalism, and integrity. We will work together to establish a pathway to heal while we honor Sgt. Jim Smith's sacrifice and his legacy.

Jim's faith and family was the foundation of his life. He loved being an Iowa State Trooper, but his job did not define who he was. What defined him was his family, his faith, and his true love for others. Sergeant Jim Smith worked for the State Patrol for twenty-seven and a half years, and twenty-five years on our tactical unit. During that time, he served as a team leader. And he was a humble man with a tremendous work ethic. Jim loved his job and he set an excellent example for others to follow. He mentioned how his parents provided him important qualities of hard work and determination that led to his success. He provided strong leadership in District Ten, alongside Lt. Senne, Sgt. O'Rear, and Sgt. Trimble. They all speak highly of his character, his integrity, and his commitment to do the right thing for the right reason. I learned this week that Jim's biggest vice was chocolate milk. Chocolate milk was a treat for him when he accomplished something special. I'm sure most of us in this room today wish chocolate milk was our biggest vice. This just speaks of Jim's character and who he was.

On the Area C Tactical Team for the Iowa State Patrol, he was extremely experienced in handling high-risk calls. He had quiet con-

fidence that provided reassurance to the Area C Tactical Unit. This quiet confidence exhibited as 'we got this.' Jim was a sheepdog, that protected sheep. He always wanted to be the number one man in the door. This was his struggle with becoming a team leader on the tactical team, was he would have to give up that number one position. Jim's wife, Kathy, recently mentioned to the State Patrol staff why he wanted to be the first to the door, and she now understands it. His priority was to protect his people.

Captain Olmstead and several other leaders in the organization challenged Jim to put in for a supervisory position. He struggled with this. Jim would politely decline and say, "I love taking bad guys to jail and working the road." And he did it well. He felt that if he was promoted to become a supervisor he couldn't do his road enforcement responsibilities, to protect and serve. One day Jim called Captain Olmstead and said he thought it was time to take on the leadership and supervisory position. He knew he needed to mentor young troopers, to show them what a work ethic and a commitment to the organization and to the State of Iowa meant to him. He went on to be promoted to sergeant and continue to do what he loved while mentoring, leading by examples, and encouraging troopers to work hard each and every day.

Jim was an extremely humble person that strove for excellence in his work, was strong in his faith, and he walked in Jesus' footsteps. He recently provided a sermon at church entitled Act Your Age. He brought in a Superman lunchbox and began to share the food that his wife, Kathy, had prepared for him. Jim pulled out an apple and he said that he asked his wife, Kathy, to pack him a Twinkie. He said Kathy reminded him that "we're not on a diet, we're just making healthy life choices." But during that sermon he had a powerful message, a message he wants you to hear today. Jim said, "I want my kids to know what's good and true." He spoke of sacrificial love and that children are adorable little creatures of God. He said that "my kids fill my life with love." His correlation with that sermon was that God sees us as the children he created. You are a child of God, act your age. He closed with, "Cherish God, know that God loves you, God still sees you as a child he created. So go to him as a child, depend on him, love him, and seek to be loved by him." It was a very captivating message he shared.

Family was extremely important to Jim. He often spoke of his wife, Kathy, and he loved you deeply. He spoke of his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. He loved you two very much. He loved spending time with both of you and telling stories to all the troopers about the trips you took and the quality time you spent together. And that meant the world to him. He often spoke to the troopers—he was trying to be a good role model and a good father, and spoke of the dreams he had for both of you two. He wanted to be a good example for you. He wanted to lead you down a path of faith and to set you up for success in life. You both made him an extremely proud father.

I've been struggling to find the right words to comfort us all today. As we walk through this together, seeking to find a sense of purpose and a sense of peace, I don't have to look for those words because Jim left them for us. These handwritten words are from Jim. They were in his Bible, and Kathy provided them to us this week. The words were, "Don't just know, do. Live in service. Know the goal, finish strong. Teach with application. Don't just tell, show. Don't just learn, do. Live out God's word. Live out faith. Teach, take care of our family, but also change the world."