I can tell you that MARTHA attacked it just like she does everything else. She approaches that with the same determination and intensity that she does in every other aspect of her life.

She pushes herself to her limits, and those are the qualities that she has displayed throughout her career, whether she was breaking glass ceilings in the military or fighting here in Congress to protect the A–10 Warthog.

She has made the most of her 2 years in the Senate, tying for the most bills signed into law during her first year. And Arizona has benefited from her tenacity and commitment.

MARTHA is tough and determined, but she is also kind and generous, all traits that were displayed in her farewell speech last week. There was a lot to admire in that speech. I was particularly struck by the gratitude that she displayed. A lesser person might have betrayed some bitterness at the brevity of her time here. MARTHA was just grateful—grateful for the opportunity to serve, grateful for the team who worked with her, grateful for what she was able to accomplish for Arizona.

I am grateful not only to have served with her but to have had her as a part of the whip team here in this Congress. Unsurprisingly, she was a dedicated and effective deputy whip, and I will miss having her on the team.

At the end of her farewell address, MARTHA said:

> Today represents a change in seasons for me. I don't yet have clarity on what my next mission will be, but I do know who is the author and finisher of my faith and that He created each of us with a purpose.

I am confident that the author of our faith has more great missions in mind for MARTHA MCSALLY, and I look forward to seeing her take them on.

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. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, everywhere you look, there are signs the country needs emergency Federal relief before the end of the year. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are rising. COVID restrictions are snapping back into place in cities and States around the country. Economists are warning of a double-dip recession if Congress fails to pass another round of fiscal stimulus.

The situation is really quite simple. There are flaring needs in the country, and we need to work across party lines to pass legislation to meet those needs. Let me say it again. We need both parties to sit down and compromise on legislation to help the American people. That is the only way to get legislation passed. But observers of this process seem to have lost track of this simple truth. The Republican leader seems to have forgotten about it entirely.

Amazingly, it has been over 8 months since Congress came together to pass the CARES Act, and the leader's position has not budged. The majority leader continues to insist that the Senate accept one of his partisan Republican proposals, each one of which has been sorely inadequate and each of which has contained poison pills designed to ensure the bill's failure.

The most conspicuous of these poison pills is the so-called ''red line'' the majority leader has tried to draw on the issue of corporate immunity. Contrary to the majority leader's dire predictions, there has been no flood of COVID lawsuits—in fact, quite the opposite. Almost a year into this pandemic, with nearly 15 million Americans infected and 280,000 lives lost to COVID–19, there have only been 111 COVID-related lawsuits filed regarding conditions of employment, 23 suits for personal injury for exposure to the coronavirus in a public place, and 11 COVID-related medical malpractice suits.

Far from a pandemic of lawsuits, there has barely been a trickle. Yet the Republican leader continues to prevent Americans from getting the aid they so desperately need and deserve until he gets this piece of partisan, ideological legislation. Again, yesterday, while the leader was busy accusing Democrats of blocking ''bipartisan'' legislation that ''everyone agrees on''—his words—other Members of the Republican leadership were making it clear that Leader MCCONNELL continues to insist on this particular poison pill. The Republican whip said that any relief must have corporate immunity provisions that ''satisfy Senator MCCONNELL.''

Imagine holding emergency aid hostage—help for the unemployed, help for small businesses, help to pay the salaries of police and firefighters, help for individual Americans, funding to deliver a vaccine—in order to give corporations legal immunity. But that has been the Republican position for the past 8 months, and it is the leader's position today.

For the sake of bipartisan negotiations, Republican leadership should forsake these hard-line positions. You can't claim to want bipartisanship while actively demanding the Senate accept partisan legislation. ''Bipartisan'' does not mean Democrats must agree to whatever the Republican leader wants on whatever issue he picks. ''Bipartisan'' means both sides—both sides—sitting down and finding agreement to meet the needs of the country and make a law. That process is happening with the Gang of 8. It should continue until we get a solution.

NOMINATION OF NATHAN SIMINGTON

Madam President, the Senate will also vote on the nomination of Nathan Simington, a Republican nominee to the FCC.

Normally, these nominations to independent Boards and Commissions are paired—one Democrat, one Republican—to keep balance on the board, but here in the waning days of a lame-duck Presidency, the Republican majority is rushing to approve a single Republican nominee.

The nominee himself is far from uncontroversial. Mr. Simington's key qualifications seem to be that he supports President Trump's desired changes to section 230, a law that regulates internet speech. In fact, it appears that he severely misled Senators on the Commerce Committee when he told them that while working for a Federal agency, he played only an administrative role in his Department's petition for the repeal of section 230. It turns out that Mr. Simington was not only pushing the petition himself, he was actively lobbying FOX News to support it for political reasons.

I strongly urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reject Mr. Simington's nomination to the FCC.

TRIBUTE TO TOM UDALL

Madam President, finally, as we approach the end of the Senate session, I have the unhappy task of bidding farewell to Senators who will be concluding their time in this Chamber. Within an hour, our dear friend and dear colleague, Senator TOM UDALL of New Mexico, will give his final speech here on the Senate floor.

For the past 12 years, Senators have been lucky to work with a legislator of Senator UDALL's caliber, someone who possesses a mastery of public policy, who is practical as well as principled. You always know where Senator UDALL stands on an issue, but you also know he is always willing to sit with you and work with you until you find common ground. Because of these qualities, TOM will leave this Chamber as a supremely accomplished legislator, a fierce defender of the environment, and a true champion of the American West.

A lot of politicians get described as wunderkinds for getting elected at a young age. You would be hard-pressed to find someone who got their start in politics earlier than TOM. He made his debut at the plucky age of 5, hoisting campaign signs on the back of his dad's convertible during his dad's first bid for Congress.

Public service runs deep in the veins of a Udall. It might be called the sap of the Udall family tree. Alongside his father, TOM looked up to his uncle Mo, who succeeded his father in Congress and ran for President as one of his generation's great environmental advocates. Not too long ago, the Senate rollcall featured two Udalls, TOM and his cousin Mark. Even now, our colleague from Utah, Senator LEE, is a second cousin to the Udall clan.

Ultimately, it was TOM's dad who taught him a lifelong love of the political process. During the years Stewart Udall served as Interior Secretary, TOM