

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I yield back the time.

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

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

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We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Elizabeth Warren, Tim Kaine, Richard Blumenthal, Robert P. Menendez, Barbara A. Mikulski, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Tom Udall, Christopher A. Coons, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 194 Ex.]

YEAS—55

Baldwin	Franken	McCas skill
Bennet	Gillibrand	Menendez
Blumenthal	Hagan	Merkley
Booker	Heinrich	Mikulski
Boxer	Heitkamp	Murkowski
Brown	Hirono	Murphy
Cantwell	Johnson (SD)	Murray
Cardin	Kaine	Nelson
Carper	King	Pryor
Casey	Klobuchar	Reed
Collins	Landrieu	Reid
Coons	Leahy	Rockefeller
Donnelly	Levin	Sanders
Durbin	Manchin	Schatz
Feinstein	Markey	Schumer

Shaheen
Stabenow
Tester
Udall (CO)

Udall (NM)
Walsh
Warner
Warren

Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—37

Alexander
Ayotte
Barrasso
Boozman
Burr
Chambliss
Coats
Coburn
Corker
Cornyn
Crapo
Cruz
Enzi

Fischer
Flake
Grassley
Hatch
Heller
Hoeven
Inhofe
Isakson
Johanns
Johnson (WI)
Kirk
Lee
McCain

McConnell
Moran
Paul
Portman
Risch
Scott
Sessions
Shelby
Thune
Toomey
Wicker

NOT VOTING—8

Begich
Blunt
Cochran

Graham
Harkin
Roberts
Rubio
Vitter

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 55, the nays are 37. The motion to invoke cloture is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF DARRIN P. GAYLES TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk reported the nomination of Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

NOMINATION OF ALICE G. WELLS TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the Wells nomination.

The bill clerk reported the nomination of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of nomination of Alice G. Wells, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I previously filed budgetary aggregates and committee allocations for budget year 2015 pursuant to section 116 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Today, I am adjusting those levels.

Section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 establishes statutory limits on discretionary spending and allows for various adjustments to those limits, while sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allows the Chairman of the Budget Committee to establish and make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. On May 22, the Committee on Appropriations reported one bill that is eligible for an adjustment under the Congressional Budget Act: the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which includes \$100 million in budget authority and \$43 million in outlays that is designated as disaster funding.

Consequently, I am revising the budgetary aggregates for 2015 by a total of \$100 million in budget authority and \$43 million in outlays. I am also revising the budget authority and outlay allocations to the appropriations committee for 2015 by \$100 million in nonsecurity budget authority and \$43 million in total outlays.

I ask unanimous consent that the following tables detailing the changes to the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations and the budgetary aggregates be printed in the RECORD.

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

BUDGETARY AGGREGATES—PURSUANT TO SECTION 116 OF THE BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013 AND SECTION 311 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

	[\$s in millions]	
	2014	2015
Current Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,842,558	2,939,993
Outlays	2,819,514	3,004,163
Adjustments:		
Budget Authority	0	100
Outlays	0	43
Revised Spending Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,842,558	2,940,093
Outlays	2,819,514	3,004,206

REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 302 AND 314(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

[In millions of dollars]

	Current allocation/ limit	Adjustments*	Adjusted alloca- tion/limit
Fiscal Year 2015:			
Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority	521,272	0	521,272
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority	492,356	100	492,456
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	1,160,500	43	1,160,543
Memorandum: Total Discretionary Budget Authority	1,013,628	100	1,013,728

* Pursuant to section 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the allocation to the Committee on Appropriations will be adjusted following the reporting of bills, offering of amendments, or submission of conference reports that qualify for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits as outlined in section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DETAIL ON ADJUSTMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2015 ALLOCATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 302 AND 314(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT
(\$s in billions)

	Program integrity	Disaster relief	Emergency	Overseas contingency operations	Total
Agriculture:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100
Outlays	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043
Total:					
Budget Authority	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100
Outlays	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043
Breakdown of Above Adjustments by Category:					
Revised Security Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Nonsecurity Category Budget Authority	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100
General Purpose Discretionary Outlays	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043

VETERANS HEALTH CARE—H.R.
3230

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, last week the Senate passed H.R. 3230, Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act. Today, I rise to address some concerns my colleagues raised about whether veterans will be able to choose their own providers. Some may read section 301 of this bill to mean that VA is still in the driver seat. Specifically, that VA will be able to pick and choose which provider to contract with under this section and not offer veterans a true choice of where and from whom they receive their care. However, that is not our intent.

Our intent is to give veterans the choice of where and from whom they receive their care without interference from VA. Beyond that, H.R. 3230 provides that if a doctor or hospital approaches VA and states they want to help alleviate the current access problems, VA would be directed to contract with that doctor provided they participate in Medicare. Because this legislation requires VA to pay these providers at the Medicare rate, VA would be able to implement a standard contract for the care and services veterans receive and would allow VA to expeditiously implement a contract with that doctor and get veterans the care they need as soon as possible.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I wish to state for the record my strong support for S. 2450, the Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014. I also wish to state for the record that, though I was unfortunately already traveling to my son's high school graduation in Oregon at the time the vote was called, I would have voted aye on this legislation had I been present.

I was among the original cosponsors of this bill because I believe strongly that the VA system must do right by our veterans. Our veterans have stood up for us, and we must stand up for them.

Recent reports highlight the urgent need both for greatly increased accountability within the VA health system and for greater resources to meet the needs of increasing numbers of veterans who are turning to the VA for health care. The current situation of extremely long wait times—and in some cases, secret waiting lists—is 100 percent unacceptable and must be fixed. Those who are responsible for these failings or any efforts to cover them up should swiftly lose their jobs. If they broke the law, then they should be prosecuted as well. Going forward, we must ensure that the VA system has the doctors and the resources it needs to give our vets the timely, top-notch care they deserve.

This bill gives the VA the power both to fire the administrators who need to be held accountable and to hire the additional doctors and nurses needed to improve the system. In addition, it contains a bipartisan provision I have worked on with Senator HELLER to expand education benefits for spouses of servicemembers who die in the line of duty. These are important improvements for our veterans and their families, and I am proud to support them.

I am very pleased to see this legislation move forward. I wish to once again state again my strong support, and I urge the House to take up and pass this bill without delay.

2014 WORLD CUP

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today the United States men's soccer team begins its quest for World Cup glory in Brazil. The 23 players selected by head coach Jürgen Klinsmann in-

clude native New Jerseyans Tim Howard, Michael Bradley, Jozy Altidore, and Alejandro Bedoya. They have dedicated themselves to being the best at their craft, and now have an opportunity to represent the United States of America at the world's premier soccer event.

The World Cup is an extraordinary tournament whose reach extends well beyond the pitch. It has the incredible ability to unify peoples in celebration and even halt civil conflict, as was seen temporarily in Côte d'Ivoire in 2006. I sincerely hope that moving into the future, the institution of the World Cup can be a symbol of increased international cooperation.

While many consider the U.S. a relatively recent addition to the global soccer community compared to our friends in Europe and South America, we actually finished third at the first ever World Cup held in Uruguay in 1930. I hope that this U.S. team will build upon our rich soccer history and represent our great Nation well in our seventh consecutive World Cup appearance. As our supporters say, "onward U.S.A.!"

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CLINTON COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.