CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

October 1	1, 2018	
Isakson Johnson Jones Kennedy Kyl Lankford Lee Manchin McCaskill	McConnell Moran Murkowski Paul Perdue Portman Risch Roberts Rounds	Sasse Scott Shelby Sullivan Thune Tillis Toomey Wicker Young
	NAYS—41	
Baldwin Bennet Blumenthal Booker Brown Cantwell Cardin Carper	Harris Hassan Hirono Kaine King Klobuchar Leahy Markey	Sanders Schatz Schumer Shaheen Smith Stabenow Tester
Carper Casey Coons Cortez Masto	Markey Menendez Merkley Murphy	Udall Van Hollen Warner

NOT VOTING-

Warren

Wyden

Rubio

Whitehouse

Feinstein Heitkamp Heinrich Nelson

Duckworth

Gillibrand

Durbin

The nomination was confirmed.

Murray

Reed

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. question is. Will the Senate advise and consent to the Norris nomination?

Mr. ROUNDS. 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 assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEIN-STEIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Heinrich), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. Heitkamp), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Ex.]

YEAS-51

Alexander Barrasso Blunt Boozman Burr Capito Cassidy Collins Corker Cornyn Cotton Crapo Cruz Daines	Ernst Fischer Fischer Flake Gardner Graham Grassley Hatch Heller Hoeven Hyde-Smith Inhofe Isakson Johnson	Kyl Lankford Lee McConnell Moran Murkowski Paul Perdue Portman Risch Roberts Rounds Sasse Scott
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	NAYS—44	
Baldwin Bennet Blumenthal Booker Brown Cantwell Cardin Carper Casey Coons Cortez Masto Donnelly Duckworth Durbin Gillibrand	Harris Hassan Hirono Kaine King Klobuchar Leahy Manchin Markey McCaskill Menendez Merkley Murphy Murray Peters	Reed Sanders Schatz Schumer Shaheen Smith Stabenow Tester Udall Van Hollen Warner Warren Whitehouse Wyden
	NOT VOTING	 5

NOT VOTING

Feinstein Heitkamp Rubio Heinrich Nelson

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Eli Jeremy Richardson, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Richardson nomination?

Mr. ROUNDS. 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. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Florida (Mr. Rubio).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. Fein-STEIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Ex.]

YEAS-52

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Alexander Barrasso Blunt Boozman Burr Capito Cassidy Collins Corker Cornyn Cotton Crapo Cruz Daines Enzi Ernst Frischer Flake	Gardner Graham Grassley Hatch Heller Hoeven Hyde-Smith Inhofe Isakson Johnson Kennedy Kyl Lankford Lee Manchin McCaskill McConnell Moran	Murkowski Paul Perdue Portman Risch Roberts Rounds Sasse Scott Shelby Sullivan Thune Tillis Toomey Wicker Young
	NAYS—43	

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ennet	Booker	Cantwell

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Kaine	Schumer
King	Shaheen
Klobuchar	Smith
Leahy	Stabenow
Markey	Tester
Menendez	Udall
Merkley	Van Hollen
Murphy	Warner Warren
Murray	
Peters	Whitehouse
Reed	Wyden
Sanders	
Schatz	
	King Klobuchar Leahy Markey Menendez Merkley Murphy Murray Peters Reed Sanders

NOT VOTING-5

Feinstein Heitkamp Rubio Heinrich Nelson

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will report the next nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kleeh nomination?

Mrs. CAPITO. I ask for the yeas and navs.

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. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. Fein-STEIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 65, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Ex.]

YEAS-65

Alexander	Graham	Murphy
Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blunt	Hassan	Perdue
Boozman	Hatch	Portman
Burr	Heller	Reed
Capito	Hoeven	Risch
Carper	Hyde-Smith	Roberts
Cassidy	Inhofe	Rounds
Collins	Isakson	Sasse
Coons	Johnson	Scott
Corker	Jones	Shaheen
Cornyn	Kennedy	
Cotton	King	Shelby
Crapo	Kyl	Sullivan
Cruz	Lankford	Tester
Daines	Leahy	Thune
Donnelly	Lee	Tillis
Enzi	Manchin	Toomey
Ernst	McCaskill	Warner
Fischer	McConnell	Whitehouse
Flake	Moran	Wicker
Gardner	Murkowski	Young
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NAYS-30

Baldwin	Booker	Cardin
Bennet	Brown	Casey
Blumenthal	Cantwell	Cortez Masto

Duckworth Markey Schumer Durbin Menendez Smith Merkley Gillibrand Stabenow Harris Murray Udall Van Hollen Hirono Peters Kaine Sanders Warren Klobuchar Schatz Wyden

NOT VOTING-5

Feinstein Heitkamp Rubio Heinrich Nelson

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeremy D. Kernodle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kernodle nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Phipps nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Susan Brnovich, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Brnovich nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Chad F. Kenney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kenney nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of James Patrick Hanlon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hanlon nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as the nomination of Lance E. Walker, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to support the nomination of Justice Lance Walker of Maine to serve on the U.S. District Court for the State of Maine. With nearly two decades of experience as both an attorney and as a judge in Maine, Justice Walker is well-qualified for the Federal bench.

Justice Walker is a lifelong Mainer, where he lives with his wife Heidi and their two daughters, Ava and Dylan. He was born in the small town of Milo and raised in Dover-Foxcroft. He graduated from the University of Maine and from the University of Maine School of Law, with honors. He clerked for the Maine Superior Court before entering private practice.

Early in his career, Justice Walker distinguished himself as a skilled trial and appellate attorney at the law firm of Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, one of the premier law firms in Maine. He tried cases before juries and judges throughout Maine and in Federal Court and was selected for recognition in respected peer-reviewed legal publications such as Benchmark Litigation, Super Lawyers, and Best Lawyers in America.

In 2014, Justice Walker was unanimously confirmed to the Maine District Court by the Maine State Senate. He adjudicated a wide variety of cases primarily in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties. A year later, Justice Walker was nominated to serve on the Maine Superior Court, Maine's trial court of general jurisdiction, a post to which he was also unanimously confirmed. Justice Walker has presided over complex criminal and civil cases, appeals, postconviction reviews, and jury trials.

As a judge, Justice Walker has spoken with recovering addicts and caregivers about opioid addiction and its intersection with the criminal justice system, an issue that is of urgent importance to communities across Maine.

The Judiciary Committee received several letters of support from legal professionals in Maine who know Justice Walker well, including from attorneys who have appeared before him, and from the Maine Trial Lawyers As-

sociation. Justice Walker has a reputation for fairness and respect for the law. As Daniel Wathen, former chief justice of the Maine Supreme Court. wrote: "I have known a lot of lawyers and judges in my fifty three year legal career in Maine, and I can think of no one who is better qualified to assume the trial bench in the federal court system. Having served on the Supreme Court of Maine for more than twenty years, I believe that I can recognize a good judge. Lance's nomination is well deserved and if confirmed, he will serve with integrity, competence, and humanity. In short, he will add to the strength and stature of the distinguished federal bench in Maine.

Justice Walker has the intellect, experience, integrity, temperament, and respect for the Constitution and the rule of law that are essential in a Federal judge. His experience in private practice and as a State judge makes him well-qualified for the Federal district court, and if confirmed, he will serve the people of Maine and the Nation fairly and capably.

I urge my colleagues to support this nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Walker nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, for all the nominations confirmed, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

Mr. McCONNELL. 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.

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

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

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT OF 2018

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6896 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.
The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6896) to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed