

The clerk will call the roll.
The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) would have voted "nay."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 46, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 56 Leg.]

YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Sanders
Bennet	Hirono	Schatz
Blumenthal	Jones	Schumer
Booker	Kaine	Shaheen
Brown	King	Sinema
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Cardin	Leahy	Stabenow
Carper	Manchin	Tester
Casey	Markey	Udall
Coons	Menendez	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	
Hassan	Rosen	

NAYS—48

Alexander	Ernst	Paul
Barrasso	Fischer	Perdue
Blackburn	Gardner	Portman
Blunt	Graham	Risch
Boozman	Grassley	Roberts
Braun	Hawley	Romney
Capito	Hoeven	Rounds
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Collins	Inhofe	Sasse
Cornyn	Isakson	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Kennedy	Shelby
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Enzi	Murkowski	Young

NOT VOTING—6

Burr	Lee	Sullivan
Harris	McSally	Toomey

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 46, the nays are 48.

Three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn having not voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 8.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia,

to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. 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 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 the nomination of Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Mitch McConnell, Steve Daines, John Thune, John Cornyn, James M. Inhofe, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Barrasso, Jerry Moran, Roy Blunt, Shelley Moore Capito, John Boozman, Johnny Isakson, Thom Tillis, John Hoeven.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 32.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. 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 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 the nomination of Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Mitch McConnell, Johnny Isakson, Roger F. Wicker, Chuck Grassley, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Shelley Moore Capito, Pat Roberts, Roy Blunt, Deb Fischer, David Perdue, Todd Young, John Thune, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, Marco Rubio.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to legislative session for 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.

BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF RABBI ISAAC MAYER WISE

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Ohio, SHERROD BROWN, to mark the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise founded the Central Conference of American Rabbis in 1889, and this year, its members are celebrating the 130th anniversary of its establishment at their annual convention in my hometown of Cincinnati, OH. Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise is widely acknowledged as one of the fathers of American Reform Judaism. We would like to recognize the bicentennial anniversary of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise's birth, as well as his extraordinary professional achievements, which have had an indelible effect on the religious life of the American nation.

He created three major American institutions, all still vibrant today: the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now the Union for Reform Judaism, in 1873; the Hebrew Union College, HUC, in 1875; and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, CCAR, in 1889. As founding president and faculty member of HUC for 25 years, Wise shaped and established Jewish seminary education in America. As CCAR president, he guided a fledgling American rabbinate to take its place within the broader American clergy as equal partners. Celebrating the 130th anniversary of its founding in 2019, the CCAR is today the world's oldest and largest rabbinical association.

In 1854, Wise founded and edited a weekly newspaper, the Israelite—later, The American Israelite—in Cincinnati. The following year, Wise founded and edited a German language newspaper, "Die Deborah." Wise was also a scholar and educator. He authored over a dozen volumes, both fiction and nonfiction, many of which dealt with intergroup relations and the place of the Jew within American society.

It is a deep source of pride to us and so many Ohioans that the roots of Reform Judaism run through Cincinnati and endure there. We are so proud of Hebrew Union College and all who serve there and learn there now, and we know that all leads back to the man we honor today, Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise.

Isaac Mayer Wise was an American icon. His writings have been studied by scholars of many disciplines and backgrounds and we are proud to recognize him today.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I join my friend and colleague, Senator PORTMAN, in rising to recognize the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of

the giants of American religious life, Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise. Rabbi Wise adopted Ohio as his home and is recognized as the father of American Reform Judaism. His ideas and teachings and the many great institutions he founded have had a profound effect on American Judaism and on people of faith throughout our country and around the world.

Rabbi Wise believed in liberty, in life, and in faith; he wanted to ensure that his ancient religious tradition, which had sustained people for millennia, remained relevant in a new and fast-changing nation. He pioneered ideas like men and women sitting together during services and choral singing and gave so many a new way to understand and practice their faith.

The groundbreaking institutions he founded left an indelible mark on Judaism and remain an integral part of our country's religious life to this day: the Central Conference of American Rabbis—CCAR—the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, today known as the Union for Reform Judaism, and Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

Rabbi Wise made Cincinnati his home, and in large part because of the institutions he created, Cincinnati became central to the fabric of American Judaism. HUC is a center of Jewish thought, and this year, the CCAR will celebrate its 130th anniversary in the Queen City. The weekly newspaper Rabbi Wise founded, the Israelite, was based in Cincinnati, and that paper helped shape Reform Judaism.

Senator PORTMAN and I join the people of Ohio in remembering this great Ohioan on the bicentennial of his birth. Rabbi Wise and his legacy are a great source of pride for so many Ohioans; we are honored to recognize his incredible contributions to Judaism, to Ohio, and to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO 2019 STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, Future Farmers of America, FFA, is a noteworthy educational program that makes a difference in the lives of young Montanans by helping members navigate their future careers and enhancing their leadership skills and personal growth. FFA isn't only for those who want to end up in production agriculture, but for those who want to become teachers, businessowners, and leaders in their communities. I have had the privilege of meeting many FFA members over the last several years and have enjoyed hearing about their experiences. It is my pleasure to honor the 205 members receiving their State FFA Degree this year. The State Degree is the highest degree that can be given and requires members to complete several critical benchmarks, including 360 hours of agricultural education in high school, 10 procedures of

parliamentary law, more than 25 hours of community service, and they must serve as a chapter officer or a committee chair. Receiving the State Degree underscores a member's dedication to learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and living to serve.

Congratulations to the 205 FFA Members receiving their State FFA Degree this year: Wilson Paytyn of Bainville, Brady Kallevig of Baker, Sean Loutzenhiser of Baker, Brayden Hankinson of Beaverhead, Harleigh Johnson of Beaverhead, Terye Noble of Beaverhead, Anthony Tatarka of Belgrade, Joe Tatarka of Belgrade, Kaydee Ann TeSelle of Belgrade, Grace Finke of Big Sandy, Bailey Gasvoda of Big Sandy, Tyler Schwarzbach of Big Sandy, Erin Taylor of Big Sandy, Georgia Wortman of Big Sandy, Laramie Haug of Big Horn, Makiko Reisig of Big Horn, Jacob Husman of Big Horn, Tayden Gee of Broadus, Beau Kuhbacher of Broadus, Erick McConnon of Broadus, Bailey Smith of Broadus, Callie Williams of Broadus, Trenton Braaten of Broadwater, Andrew Ferrat of Broadwater, Caleb Fix of Carter County, Tori Tooke of Carter County, Jean Blackman of Cascade, Kyle Evans of Cascade, Kolton Lynn of Cascade, Mackenzie Wombold of Cascade, Ryle Elliot of Chinook, Rachel Gunderson of Chinook, Kendra McMaster of Chinook, Cord Schneider of Chinook, Alden Johnson of Choteau, Caroline Roeder of Choteau, Garret Yeager of Choteau, Jessica Adkins of Clarksfork, Desiree Jones of Clarksfork, Tristan Phillips of Clarksfork, Stephanie Skorupa of Clarksfork, Jessly Howard of Columbus, Amber LeBrun of Columbus, Richard Ratzburg of Conrad, Megan Bradshaw of Corvallis, Lacey Gregorie of Corvallis, Michael McKay of Corvallis, Emily Seifert of Corvallis, Tristan Labatte of Culbertson, Carter Nickoloff of Culbertson, Noah Nickoloff of Culbertson, Lucas Oelkers of Culbertson, Augustus Spradley of Culbertson, Kai Underdahl of Culbertson, Jordan Calloway of Custer, Deanna Stieber of Custer, Shane Trusty of Custer, Hans Lampert of Deer Lodge, Kaleb Starr of Deer Lodge, Jessica Ayers of Denton, Kein Carpenter of Denton, Parker Donaldson of Denton, Morgan Ward of Denton, Morgan Zuidema of Electric City, Berit Bedord of Fairfield, Emily Evans of Fairfield, Rachel Foster of Fairfield, Jason Gibson of Fairfield, Trace Gulick of Fairfield, Walker Heckman of Fairfield, Levi Wipf of Fairfield, Jaycie Rau of Fairview, Alex Young of Fairview, Chloe Arndt of Fergus, Grace Holzer of Fergus, Christopher Fournier of Forsyth, McKenzie Mork of Forsyth, Brandon Schnug of Forsyth, Christaen McKelvy of Fort Benton, Mackenzie Dethman of Froid, Hunter Krogedal of Froid, Haley Labatte of Froid, Boone Foes of Fromberg, Maxine Rysavy of Fromberg, Tyler Wilm of Fromberg, Joey Hale of Geraldine, Bentley McCullough of Geraldine, Caleb Meeks

of Geraldine, Ryan Seaman of Geraldine, Grant Finkbeiner of Grass Range, Reata Smith of Grass Range, Mattea Tucek of Grass Range, Sarah Boucher of Hinsdale, Chaykota Christensen of Hinsdale, John McColly of Hinsdale, Claire Stevenson of Hobson, Kristen Vincent of Hobson, Dawson Bender of Huntley Project, Codie Bowen of Huntley Project, Colton Hawkins of Huntley Project, Brooke Johnson of Huntley Project, Leslie Lile of Huntley Project, Jacob Siewert of Huntley Project, James White Huntley Project, Walker Anttila of Joliet, Justin Harris of Joliet, Lauren Hoinos of Joliet, Brianna King of Joliet, Noah Salo of Joliet, Mallory Simons of Joliet, Kerstin Sweet of Joliet, Ella Thompson of Joliet, Kallie Zinne of Joliet, Thomas Bailey of Kalispell, Sophie Desch of Kalispell, Julie Duffie of Kalispell, Cole Dykhuizen of Kalispell, Jordan Horn of Kalispell, Morgan Kelly of Kalispell, Whitney Levanen of Kalispell, Bethany Lyford of Kalispell, Layton Praxel of Kalispell, Kayla Praxel of Kalispell, Cassandra Praxel of Kalispell, Amber Reiner of Kalispell, Mabry Shepard of Kalispell, Lynde Shriver of Kalispell, Madeline Sutton of Kalispell, Elizabeth Hill of Lambert, Seth Prevost of Lambert, Tyler Thiessen of Lambert, Jacalyn Wright of Lambert, Ashley Gee of Laurel, Anna Kraft of Laurel, Ryan Robertus of Laurel, Bethany Holm of Malta, Shelby Jones of Malta, Charlee Rhodes of Malta, Thomas DeJaegher of Melstone, Harry Griswold of Melstone, Abby Hansen of Melstone, Matson McClure of Missoula Valley, Kylee Billingsley of Missoula, Jarrett Bowman of Missoula, Brianna Bergum of Moore, Josie Jesson of Park, Sidni Payne of Park, Andee Baker of Park City, Jerica Bursik of Park City, Megan Flemmer of Park City, Kayla Hagan of Plentywood, Randy Heppner of Plentywood, Riley Hilyard of Plentywood, Bryce Oksa of Plentywood, Brenna Oksa of Plentywood, Kacie Wacker of Plentywood, Tyler Weeks of Plentywood, Shayna Ellis of Red Lodge, Katherine Jacobsen of Redlodge, Brylee Brost of Richey, Chase Brown of Richey, Kyler Brown of Richey, Haley Olson of Richey, Abbie Smith of Richey, Leotie Whitehead of Richey, Andrew Beeler of Rosebud, Austin Quinlan of Rosebud, Tyler Eliasson of Roundup, Cassie Hull of Roundup, Rebecca Nelson of Roundup, Renee Parsons of Roundup, Cooper Shaw of Roundup, Victoria Tirado of Roundup, Irene Johnson of Roy, John Gilman of Ruby Valley, Tyler Haag of Ruby Valley, Emma Hill of Saint Regis, Ryan Van Tine of Shelby, Molly Engle of Shields Valley, Rodie Keyes of Shields Valley, Tanner Lykins of Shields Valley, Jack Marshall of Shields Valley, Kade Anderson of Sidney, Emma Torgerson of Sidney, Hannah Silva of Stevensville, Raelynne Barnett of Stillwater Valley, Shea Ostrum of Stillwater Valley, Dylan