

one thing that will make the migration problem drastically worse. He will then blame somebody else, but everyone can see what is going on. It is almost as if the administration wants the problems at our borders to continue so the President can demagogue the issue for political purposes. This policy is complete nonsense.

So, as Leader MCCONNELL moves to the administration's supplemental border requests in the near future, I urge my Republican colleagues to study our legislation. Unlike what the administration is doing and proposing, our policies are reasonable, measured, and actually suited to the problem at hand.

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
AND ELECTION SECURITY

Mr. President, I have been talking a lot to this day on election security, and I will just make a final pitch.

We hope that Leader MCCONNELL will stop stonewalling the need to improve the security of our elections and prevent Russian or Chinese or Iranian or North Korean interference in 2020, which would gnaw at the roots of our democracy. There are lots of ways we can do it. We have UC statements on the floor and legislation we could bring to the floor that is bipartisan. We have an NDAA bill within which we will request some election security measures, and we have the appropriations process by which we can give money that is badly needed to the States.

We hope our Republican colleagues will join us in this. Preventing foreign countries from interfering in our elections is not a Democratic or a Republican issue; it is an American issue. It is the very thing George Washington and so many of the other Founding Fathers warned us against over 200 years ago. There is no need for this to be partisan. We hope we can come together on the issue.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mr. CRUZ). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill 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 Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, John Barrasso, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, John Thune, Kevin Cramer, Roger F. Wicker, John Boozman, John Hoeven, Thom Tillis, Johnny Isakson, Tim Scott, Mike Braun, Richard Burr, Lindsey Graham.

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 Sean Cairncross, of Minnesota, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Ex.]

YEAS—59

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

NAYS—37

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

NOT VOTING—4

Gillibrand
Harris

Hirono
Udall

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 59, the nays are 37.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess following the remarks of myself, Senator COLLINS, and Senator KING.

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

SENATOR COLLINS' 7,000TH VOTE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize a remarkable event that this institution was fortunate enough to witness just a few minutes ago. During the vote we just concluded, our distinguished colleague, the senior Senator from Maine, cast her 7,000th rollcall vote. It is a great milestone for Senator COLLINS which bears witness to her dedication to this work and most especially to the people of Maine. It is actually even more impressive than that. This wasn't just Senator COLLINS' 7,000th vote; it was her 7,000th consecutive vote. From the moment she was sworn in, she has

not missed a single vote. Difficulties with travel or bad weather? She plans around them. Personal challenges? She adapts and overcomes. Other priorities, like political events or speaking engagements? All that takes a back seat to her day job. No sick days. No getting caught in meetings. No losing track of time in committee. No excuses. Just days and months and years of peerless preparation and remarkable dedication to her Senate duties and to the Members she is so proud to represent. Senator COLLINS learned from her parents, Donald and Patricia, who each had a turn as mayor of Caribou, ME, among other achievements.

We know our friend Senator COLLINS deeply admires her predecessor, Senator Margaret Chase Smith—another legendary Maine Republican. Among her achievements, she stood boldly against McCarthyism and insisted on independent thought and fair treatment. But as remarkable as Senator Margaret Chase Smith was, Senator COLLINS has surpassed her distinguished predecessor in at least one way: Senator SMITH's own impressive string of consecutive votes ended just shy of 3,000; Senator COLLINS has 7,000 and counting.

She is always prepared, always thoroughly well informed, and always present. That is what today's milestone tells us, and that is exactly who Senator COLLINS is every single day. She is a valued colleague. She is a friend. And frankly, she is an inspiration. Thank goodness she isn't stopping any time soon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. I just wanted to thank the majority leader for his very generous comments, as well as acknowledge the good wishes and congratulations from so many of my colleagues, including my colleague from Maine, Senator KING.

This is a momentous occasion for me, a real milestone. I am proud of the fact that I have never missed a rollcall vote during the time I have been privileged to represent the great State of Maine in the Senate. There have been some close calls over the years, but fortunately I have been able to be present for each one. I realize that I have been blessed with good health and that when I had broken ankles, including one that required surgery, it fortunately happened over the Christmas break, so once again I was able to come back and not miss a vote.

But it is the embodiment of how seriously I take the responsibilities with which I have been entrusted by the people of Maine. Voting is a Senator's most solemn responsibility, and I feel strongly about making sure that my State is represented on each and every rollcall vote we take in this Chamber. It hasn't always been easy, but it is such a privilege and honor to represent the people of the great State of Maine.

I thank the majority leader, Senator MCCONNELL, for acknowledging this

milestone in my tenure in the Senate and in my service to the people of Maine and this Nation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I want to join so many of my colleagues and the majority leader in congratulating my individual colleague from the State of Maine on this extraordinary achievement.

I once was at a meeting with Senator COLLINS in Maine and had just gotten my voting record, and I think I missed two votes out of a couple thousand. I said to Senator COLLINS: Look, I am 99.2 percent on making all the votes. She paused for a moment and looked at me and smiled and said: You will never catch me. And she was absolutely correct that the math doesn't work.

To have made 7,000 consecutive votes is an extraordinary achievement, particularly given the logistics of this place—the logistics of getting back and forth to Maine. She and I travel back and forth to Maine frequently together. But to have achieved this is really something remarkable in the annals of the U.S. Senate.

In the 1980s and 1990s, I got to know one of her predecessors, Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who was a legend in Maine. Senator SMITH was not only legendary for making every vote but also for always wearing a red rose. Every day that she appeared in the Senate, Senator SMITH wore a red rose. So I would like to conclude my remarks by taking a red rose to Senator COLLINS in recognition of her following in the footsteps of her illustrious predecessor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:54 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. CAPITO).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the votes following the first vote in this series be 10 minutes in length.

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

VOTE ON CAIRNCROSS NOMINATION

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

Mr. PERDUE. Madam 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 senior assistant legislative called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 167 Ex.]

YEAS—59

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

NAYS—37

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

NOT VOTING—4

Gillibrand	Hirono
Harris	Wyden

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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 the nomination of Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, David Perdue, John Thune, Roy Blunt, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Johnny Isakson, John Boozman, Marco Rubio, Kevin Cramer, Mike Braun, James E. Risch, Pat Roberts, Bill Cassidy.

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 Matthew J. Kacsmaryk, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—4

Gillibrand	Hirono
Harris	Wyden

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 44.

The motion is agreed to.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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 the nomination of Allen Cothrel Winsor, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.