

Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 87, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Ex.]

YEAS—87

Alexander	Fischer	Portman
Baldwin	Gardner	Reed
Barrasso	Graham	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Roberts
Blumenthal	Hassan	Romney
Blunt	Hawley	Rosen
Boozman	Heinrich	Rounds
Braun	Hoeven	Rubio
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Burr	Inhofe	Schatz
Cantwell	Johnson	Schumer
Capito	Jones	Scott (FL)
Cardin	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Carper	King	Shaheen
Casey	Lankford	Shelby
Collins	Leahy	Sinema
Coons	Lee	Smith
Cornyn	Manchin	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	McConnell	Sullivan
Cotton	McSally	Tester
Cramer	Menendez	Thune
Crapo	Merkley	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Toomey
Daines	Murkowski	Udall
Duckworth	Murphy	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Enzi	Paul	Wicker
Ernst	Perdue	Wyden
Feinstein	Peters	Young

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 87, the nays are 1.

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 William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Thune, Roy Blunt.

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 William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 57, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Ex.]

YEAS—57

Alexander	Gardner	Portman
Barrasso	Graham	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Roberts
Blunt	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Hoeven	Rounds
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Burr	Inhofe	Sasse
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Casey	Jones	Scott (SC)
Collins	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cornyn	Lankford	Shelby
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Crapo	McConnell	Thune
Cruz	McSally	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Toomey
Enzi	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Ernst	Paul	Wicker
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NAYS—31

Baldwin	Hassan	Rosen
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Schatz
Brown	Hirono	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Leahy	Stabenow
Carper	Menendez	Tester
Coons	Merkley	Udall
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Wyden
Durbin	Peters	
Feinstein	Reed	

NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 57, the nays are 31.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

NOMINATION OF KELLY CRAFT

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I rise in opposition to the nomination of Ms. Kelly Craft to serve as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

As a firm believer in the strength and power of U.S. diplomacy, there are three main reasons I oppose Ambassador Craft's nomination.

First and foremost, she lacks the experience necessary to stand up for American values and promote our national security on the global stage.

Second, during her brief diplomatic tenure in Canada, she posted so many absences that I cannot describe it as anything less than a dereliction of duty.

Ambassador Craft has also been unable or unwilling to convince the Senate that she will fully separate her professional obligations from her family's business interests. We cannot have an ambassador to the United Nations who risks using this incredibly influential position in ways that could benefit her own family's finances.

This position is one of the most important diplomatic posts in our government. It is a global stage, and every leader who serves in this role must always put country first.

Since its founding, some of our most distinguished public servants have represented the United States at the U.N.: George H. W. Bush, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Thomas Pickering, Madeleine Albright, John Negroponte, Susan Rice, and Samantha Power.

These Americans brought to the table years of experience as former Ambassadors, senior State Department officials, National Security Council staff, and more. Ambassador Craft simply cannot match the foreign policy and national security expertise offered by these distinguished leaders.

Before serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, she had no previous significant foreign policy experience or executive experience at all. It would seem that her most relevant credential is that she, along with her husband, contributed more than \$1 million to the President's campaign.

During the confirmation process, Ambassador Craft's performance suggested a deep lack of knowledge and applicable experience.

I want to be clear. This is not a judgment on her character. This is merely an assessment of her ability to represent the United States of America on the world stage where she will grapple with some of the most complex and challenging foreign policy issues of our time.

When asked at her hearing to identify the most pressing issues facing the U.N. and comment on how the United States could leverage the U.N. to pursue our national foreign policy priorities, Craft displayed no sophisticated understanding of the many challenges confronting our country.

She failed to mention North Korea's aggression on nuclear proliferation. She failed to mention ongoing threats from Iran. She failed to mention China's growing power and Russia's continued malign influence. When asked about the two-state solution, she could not articulate a viewpoint. When asked by Senator PAUL whether she believed the Iraq war was a mistake, she replied that she was "not going to second guess the . . . Bush administration."

In response to Senator CARDIN's question about the threat of climate change, she said that the United States does not need to be a member of the

Paris climate agreement in order to show leadership. All the more disturbing are her past comments on climate change, such as when she said, “I believe there are scientists on both sides that are accurate.”

Taken together, these answers should alarm anyone who hopes that the United States can use our power, our influence, and our leadership position to promote our interests and answer the great challenges of our time. Simply put, never in our Nation’s history has a President nominated such an underqualified person to this critical post just for being a donor.

Ms. Craft also lacks the professionalism needed to be the U.N. Ambassador. As our Ambassador to Canada, she had one job: to represent the United States in Canada. Yet, during her time in Ottawa, the defining characteristic of her service appears to be how little time she actually spent there.

The numbers speak for themselves. During the 608 days she served as U.S. Ambassador in Ottawa, she spent 357 days outside of Canada. Let me repeat that. During her 21 months assigned to Ottawa, she spent an entire year out of Canada.

For my colleagues who insist she was engaged in trade negotiations, the State Department’s own records suggest otherwise. Indeed, the record shows she spent only 40 days on travel related to USMCA. She did, however, spend 210 days at her homes in Kentucky or Oklahoma. I repeat, she spent 7 of her 21 months as our Ambassador in Canada at home in the United States. The last time I checked, not a single round of the USMCA negotiations took place in Kentucky or Oklahoma.

Additionally, while Ms. Craft claims that she always received approval from her travel, records show that she spent at least 11 days out of the country without State Department approval. Should she be confirmed as Ambassador of the U.N., I think it is very fair to say that if an international crisis erupts, that might more likely find her in Kentucky than New York City.

Ambassador Craft’s absences represent a total abdication of her responsibility as the head of the U.S. Embassy in Canada—one of our Nation’s most vital allies.

In one troubling instance, during the month when the Trump administration shut down the Federal Government, Ambassador Craft was in Ottawa for only 2 days. Rather than provide leadership to Embassy personnel during uncertain times, she was at home in Kentucky. Perhaps she thought she was nonessential personnel.

Finally, Ms. Craft has also displayed a lack of diligence when it comes to preventing conflicts of interest. I know this administration has sunk to some new lows when it comes to mixing family business with national security, but that doesn’t mean it is OK. Norms are only as strong as our will to stand up

and defend them. That is why we must push back against self-promotion at the expense of the American people.

We also know that Ambassador Craft’s husband, Joe Craft, runs the second largest coal producer in the Eastern United States and has lobbied the EPA to roll back regulations against air and water pollution. Ms. Craft insisted to the committee that her husband “plays no role whatsoever in official U.S. government business,” but email and calendar records tell a different story. When Ambassador Craft needed information about a U.S. environmental project, she asked her husband—not Embassy employees—to connect her to former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. When the EPA sent the requested information to the Ambassador, they included her spouse on the response. In addition, according to official calendars, Mr. Craft participated in at least four meetings with U.S. or Canadian Government energy and environmental officials. The potential conflicts of interest are staggering.

The nomination of Ms. Craft to this position underscores the Trump administration’s total lack of respect for the work of diplomacy, for our diplomats, and for the United Nations.

Taken together, Ambassador Craft’s lack of experience, her dereliction of duty and excessive absences in Ottawa, and her unwillingness to address potential conflicts of interest render her unfit to serve as our Ambassador to the United Nations.

In a world of growing challenges, the American people deserve a serious, thoughtful, and proven leader to represent their interests at the United Nations. They deserve a leader who can leverage the United Nations to advance our national security interests and ultimately build a safer, more stable, prosperous world. They deserve a leader who will put the interests of the people over the profits of their family. Kelly Knight Craft is not that leader. For those reasons, I will vote no on this nomination and urge my colleagues to join me.

CLOTURE MOTION

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The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

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Lamar Alexander, Thom Tillis, Martha McSally, John Cornyn, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Susan M. Collins, Tom Cotton, Roy Blunt, Roger F. Wicker,

Bill Cassidy, John Thune, Richard Burr, John Barrasso, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Mitch McConnell.

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 Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

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Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) would have voted “yea”.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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Enzi	Murkowski	Toomey
Ernst	Murphy	Wicker
Fischer	Paul	Young

NAYS—33

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Jones	Schumer
Cantwell	Kaine	Smith
Cardin	King	Stabenow
Carper	Leahy	Tester
Casey	Menendez	Udall
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Warner
Durbin	Peters	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—10

Bennet	Harris	Sanders
Booker	Isakson	Warren
Cassidy	Klobuchar	
Gillibrand	Markey	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 57, the nays are 33.