

The result was announced—yeas 24, nays 67, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 335 Leg.]

YEAS—24

Barrasso	Ernst	Paul
Blackburn	Fischer	Perdue
Braun	Grassley	Risch
Cornyn	Inhofe	Romney
Crapo	Johnson	Rubio
Cruz	Kennedy	Sasse
Daines	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Enzi	Lee	Sullivan

NAYS—67

Alexander	Graham	Portman
Baldwin	Hassan	Roberts
Bennet	Hawley	Rosen
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rounds
Blunt	Hirono	Schatz
Boozman	Hoeven	Schumer
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Burr	Jones	Shaheen
Cantwell	Kaine	Shelby
Capito	King	Sinema
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Collins	Markey	Thune
Coons	McConnell	Udall
Cortez Masto	McSally	Van Hollen
Cotton	Menendez	Warner
Cramer	Merkley	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Moran	Wicker
Durbin	Murkowski	Wyden
Feinstein	Murphy	Young
Gardner	Murray	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—9

Booker	Isakson	Tillis
Cassidy	Reed	Toomey
Harris	Sanders	Warren

The amendment (No. 1019) was rejected.

AMENDMENT NO. 1067 TO AMENDMENT NO. 948

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote in relation to amendment No. 1067, offered by the Senator from Alabama, Mr. JONES.

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. JONES. Mr. President, this amendment will continue a process that was started last year in the farm bill to correct one of the grave injustices to the African-American population here.

This bill deals with heir property—property that has gone down through generations without clear title. These landowners have been denied access to USDA programs and other instances. This amendment deals with heir property. African Americans have long been denied property based on the fact that so much of it has been passed down through the generations without clear title.

They have been denied access to the USDA programs and also have lost property. Between 1910 and 1997, an estimated 90 percent of land owned by African Americans in this country was lost due to heir property issues. Last year we began the process in this Senate with the farm bill to correct that, part of which was creating a program at USDA to loan money to help get these folks back on their feet, to get them into the programs they need. This amendment provides \$5 million to start that program. It is the same amount of money that is in the House bill.

I urge my colleagues to continue this opportunity to correct this wrong and right this injustice.

Mr. President, I yield.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time in opposition?

Mr. CRAPO. I yield.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time is yielded back.

The question occurs on agreeing to amendment No. 1067.

Mr. JONES. I ask for the yeas and nays, Mr. President.

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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 336 Leg.]

YEAS—91

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

NAYS—1

Blackburn
NOT VOTING—8

Booker	Isakson	Toomey
Cassidy	Sanders	Warren
Harris	Tillis	

The amendment (No. 1067) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk for

the Shelby substitute amendment No. 948.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 amendment No. 948 to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

Richard C. Shelby, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, Roy Blunt, Thom Tillis, Shelley Moore Capito, Roger F. Wicker, Lisa Murkowski, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, John Boozman, Marco Rubio, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Richard Burr, James E. Risch, Mitch McConnell.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk for the underlying bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 Calendar No. 141, H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

Richard C. Shelby, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, Roy Blunt, Thom Tillis, Shelley Moore Capito, Roger F. Wicker, Lisa Murkowski, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, John Boozman, Marco Rubio, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Richard Burr, James E. Risch, Mitch McConnell.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, DEFENSE, STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020—Motion to Proceed

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to proceed to Calendar No. 140, H.R. 2740.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 140, H.R. 2740, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk for the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 140, H.R. 2740, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

Richard C. Shelby, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, Roy Blunt, Thom Tillis, Shelley Moore Capito, Roger F. Wicker, Lisa Murkowski, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, John Boozman, Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Richard Burr, Mitch McConnell.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the consideration of the following nomination, Executive Calendar No. 467.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

Is there further debate on the nomination?

If not, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the DeVillers nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate will resume legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

ate proceed to legislative session and be in 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.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I was unavoidably absent for two votes this evening due to a flight delay. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on amendment 961 and nay on amendment 1019.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LILIE MURRAY

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Lilie Murray of Rye as October's Granite Stater of the Month for her work to provide support and necessities to those in need.

Lilie was first inspired to take up the cause to help less fortunate members of her community after her advisor and sophomore-year honors ecology teacher, Kimberly McGlinchey, taught Lilie's class about the United Nation's sustainable development goals. The class focused specifically on 3 of the 17 goals: no poverty, quality education, and sustainable cities and communities.

In an effort to make progress on these goals in her community, Lilie started Portsmouth Community Closet, which donates new or gently used clothing to people in need on the Seacoast. The group distributed its first donations at Gosling Meadows, a public housing neighborhood in Portsmouth.

During that event, Lilie learned that Gosling Meadows' residents were struggling to clean their clothes after the neighborhood laundromat shut down. Many of the residents did not have cars, and the local city buses do not allow residents to bring large bags on the bus.

In response, Lilie organized a fundraiser to bring washers and dryers to families living in Gosling Meadows, giving priority to families with students who attended her public high school. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$4,500 to provide eight families with energy-saving washers and dryers.

Following up on her work with Gosling Meadows, Lilie started a summer program at Greenleaf Recreation Center in Portsmouth, which mainly serves children ages 6 to 13 from Gosling Meadows, as well as another public housing neighborhood in Portsmouth. She and her classmates brought the children in the program on trips that they normally would not be able to afford, such as rock climbing or blueberry picking.

Her work with these kids inspired her to jump into another project to help her community, this time focusing on literacy. Lilie could see how much

these children love to read, but there was no dedicated space in the Greenleaf Recreation Center for quiet reading. So over the summer she and her classmates built a colorful reading nook in the Greenleaf Recreation Center to give these children the space and resources that they needed to read and learn.

What is so wonderful about Lilie's story is that each one of her volunteer services builds on the next and goes to show how inspiring and motivating it can be to volunteer in one's community.

Thank you, Lilie, for your continued efforts to help those less fortunate and for committing yourself to creating a more just and equal society.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 777. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

H.R. 4617. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4617. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 439. A bill to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (Rept. No. 116-153).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2177. A bill to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-154).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first