

in this legislation, and it is very important that we enact it before the end of December.

There is a provision in here that I worked on with Senator ROBERTS, a bipartisan proposal to deal with church pension plans. We have had a church pension plan on the books for many years, but we have gotten inconsistent IRS regulations as it relates to the management of these pension plans, particularly when you are dealing with church-affiliated institutions, such as daycare centers or nursing homes. This legislation will clarify that so that these church plans can continue. It affects thousands of workers, and it makes a positive difference on retirement security.

The SECURE Act also includes a provision that will exempt State and local firefighters and emergency responders from income tax liability that was never intended on some pension plans. All of that is included in the SECURE Act, and it will help a great deal in dealing with the issue I raised at the beginning of my remarks, retirement security for individuals.

Now, we will get that done, I hope, this week. We expect to vote on the bill, hopefully, within the next day. That will be a major step forward for retirement security, but it is not the end. We have to do a lot more, and that is why Senator PORTMAN and I have filed the Retirement Security and Savings Act. That is a bill that contains almost 50 different provisions. Some are included in the SECURE Act, and we are grateful for that, but most are not. What is included in the Retirement Security and Savings Act builds on the SECURE Act to provide greater opportunities for retirement security.

Let me just give you a couple of examples. It improves the requirement for distribution, allowing individuals to be able to reserve more for the later years of their life. It also provides tremendous incentives for lifetime income.

Here is the problem. People may have retirement savings, and they say: Look, I guess I will live another 15 years. So they take their money out over 15 years, and, guess what, after 15 years, they are still healthy, but they have no money. Lifetime income guarantees that you will have income throughout your entire life. We provide incentives in our legislation on lifetime income options for retirement options when you retire.

We also make it easier for those who have student loans to be able to participate in retirement security. A lot of times, people would like to contribute to a pension plan but they have to pay off student loans. Well, we allow the paying off of student loans to act as a match for an employer's contribution—again, offering additional opportunities for people to participate in retirement savings.

We have provisions in here that particularly help low-wage workers. The bottom line is that low-wage workers

are the most challenged in order to participate in retirement security plans early in life. If you start a savings for retirement when you are young, it will produce the type of savings you need when you retire. Younger people have lots of obligations, including starting a family, paying off student loans, and all the things that we know about. So they need incentive. We have found that just the tax incentives alone will not be enough to get younger workers to participate in retirement.

We have the Thrift Savings Plan here for Federal workers, which is wonderful, because the Federal Government matches some of those contributions. What we are suggesting in the bill that we filed is expanding the tax credit program for savings, making it refundable directly into retirement accounts so that younger, lower wage workers will participate in retirement savings.

We provide provisions in this bill that help small businesses so small businesses can start retirement savings plans. All of that is included in the next step.

So, yes, let's approve the SECURE Act in the budget agreement, an important step forward, but let's recognize that we need to do a lot more. Let's work in a bipartisan manner in 2020 to build on the success of the SECURE Act to help Americans save for their retirement.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

NOMINATION OF STEPHANIE DAWKINS DAVIS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today because I am very glad to see the Senate moving forward in taking up the nomination of Stephanie Davis to be the district court judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Davis was nominated by President Trump back in March to be a U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Our bipartisan Eastern District Judicial Nominations Advisory Committee strongly supported her. She was reported out of committee by a voice vote on May 22, and no one has expressed any concerns about her record, nor would they have a reason to express a concern. She is exceedingly qualified.

Judge Davis has been working in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Michigan since 1997. During her time there, she has served in both the civil and criminal divisions. She has prosecuted fraud, bank robbery, embezzlement, violent crime, public corruption, and criminal conspiracies involving drug trafficking and money laundering. We are very lucky to have someone of her experience stepping forward and wanting to serve in this position. She has also overseen community and law enforcement initiatives and led the office's diversity efforts.

I have had the opportunity to meet with Judge Davis. I came away from my very first meeting, as well as subsequent conversations, being very im-

pressed with her background and her commitment to public service. She will be an excellent addition to the Federal judiciary, and I urge my colleagues to support her nomination.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF ANURAAG SINGHAL

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, Judge Anuraag Singhal has honorably served the State of Florida for several years, and I proudly support his confirmation as a district judge for the Southern District of Florida today. He has built a distinguished legal career, serving as a criminal prosecutor for Florida's Seventeenth Judicial Circuit and later opening a private practice focused on criminal defense and appellate work. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a firm commitment to the rule of law, and as Governor of Florida, I had the distinct honor to appoint Judge Singhal to Florida's Seventeenth Judicial Circuit court in 2011. I am equally honored to support his confirmation to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida today and know he will continue to serve our State and Nation well.

Ms. STABENOW. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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 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 Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Mike Rounds, Lamar Alexander, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Boozman, Tom Cotton, Chuck Grassley, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, Todd Young, John Cornyn.

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 Karen Spencer Marston, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator

from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

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

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 85, nays 7, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 404 Ex.]

YEAS—85

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

NAYS—7

Gillibrand	Merkley	Wyden
Hirono	Schatz	
Markey	Schumer	

NOT VOTING—8

Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Duckworth	Klobuchar	Warren
Harris	Paul	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 85, the nays are 7.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from South Dakota.

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

Mr. WICKER. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I would simply hope that—and I will not object—we will mean what we say when we limit the time on these votes.

We have eight more votes, and if Members will cooperate, we can get finished with that.

I withdraw my objection.

Mr. THUNE. Well stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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:

CLTURE 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 Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Mike Rounds, Lamar Alexander, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Boozman, Tom Cotton, Chuck Grassley, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, Todd Young, John Cornyn.

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 Daniel Mack Traynor, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, 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 Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), 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 51, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 405 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—42

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

NOT VOTING—7

Booker	Klobuchar	Warren
Harris	Paul	
Isakson	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 42. The motion is agreed to.

CLTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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:

CLTURE 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 Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Mike Rounds, Lamar Alexander, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Boozman, Tom Cotton, Chuck Grassley, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, Todd Young, John Cornyn.

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 Jodi W. Dishman, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

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

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 76, nays 17, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 406 Ex.]

YEAS—76

Alexander	Crapo	Kennedy
Barrasso	Cruz	King
Bennet	Daines	Lankford
Blackburn	Duckworth	Leahy
Blunt	Durbin	Lee
Boozman	Enzi	Manchin
Braun	Ernst	McConnell
Brown	Feinstein	McSally
Burr	Fischer	Moran
Capito	Gardner	Murkowski
Cardin	Graham	Murphy
Carper	Grassley	Perdue
Casey	Hassan	Peters
Cassidy	Hawley	Portman
Collins	Hoeven	Reed
Cornyn	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Durbin	Inhofe	Roberts
Cortez Masto	Johnson	Romney
Cruz	Jones	Rosen
Daines	Cramer	Rounds