

the Bureau of Reclamation—let's fix it and get help right now to idle land and to pump water to provide assistance.

I thank all my colleagues who helped so much in 2010 when I came to this floor under similar circumstances and we gave unanimous consent for this bill. Congressman WALDEN came down the hallway to vouch for the issues we were facing, so we were hearing bipartisan representation of the challenges and addressing the challenges that our ranchers and farmers in Klamath Basin faced.

That is all we are doing again. I ask for each and every Member's support that we get this done and we get it done quickly.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CORONAVIRUS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I have just returned from being in Tennessee this weekend and lots of phone calls, seeing a lot of people out and about. I will tell you, this COVID-19 has changed a lot about how we go about our daily lives, but it has not changed the way Congress works out its differences. We are still arguing about spending and debt. We are still debating the importance of federalism and how the Constitution can help us determine what we can and should do on a Federal level to help our communities back at home.

Now, in Tennessee, our cities all across the State, from one corner to another, are getting back to that daily routine. Many of those businesses were able to improvise their way through the early weeks of lockdown, and now they are finding what they are calling their new normal, their new processes.

Some of them received emergency loans from the SBA. Others became one of the more than 80,000 small businesses and self-employed workers who were able to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program.

But no matter how hard they work or how smart their plans are, we know that, in the end, we are going to lose a lot of our favorite neighborhood stops. It is tough. It is really tough out there. Some of those businesses are already gone. And that is going to happen in spite of the unprecedented investment that the Federal Government, working with our State and local governments, has made into our business and our healthcare sectors, making certain people are able to stay afloat and bridging from that rescue to a business restart and bridging on to recovery.

Well, as we saw this week, the more Washington spends, the more Washington's focus drifts away from emergency measures and that rescue, and it

doesn't go to a restart or a recovery. What does it do? It goes to, How can we use this crisis to grow government? How can we use this crisis to take away a little bit more of your freedom?

Last week, House Democrats passed a \$3 trillion spending package that they used as a vehicle for a lot of their pet projects. We have all heard about it: pension bailouts, unsustainable environmental mandates, fundamental changes to tax policy, all of these line items that have no business being slapped on the coattails of a bill that was sold as being a safety net for panicked Americans.

You will be relieved to know that that bill will never see the light of day here in the Senate. But, you know, it might not be a bad idea just to put it on the floor and see if our friends across the aisle want to vote for it—\$3 trillion, \$3 trillion.

It is disrespectful to people who are hurting. It is disrespectful to small businesses that they have become a bargaining chip for the Democratic, left-leaning socialist wish list. That is what they think of you. When you walk down Main Street and you see shuttered businesses, I want you to remember that. That is what they think of you: They can use you to get what they want.

In fact, I will say this. We have been pretty busy focusing on bipartisan efforts that will help in the short term and will help with a postpandemic future, something that will really bring relief and clarity to the American people—not things like a liberal wish list.

SECURING AMERICA'S MEDICINE CABINET ACT

Mr. President, here is one I have heard a lot about, especially this weekend, for all the moms and dads out there who are wondering about how safe their child's image and their child's data are in the virtual classroom. Well, this is something that I had lots of questions about also. How do you protect your virtual you?

Last week, I led a bipartisan group of my colleagues and asked the FTC to do a deep dive into how the tech industry collects and stores your child's data and to use that information to make children's online privacy protections stronger.

Let's make certain you can protect them in the virtual space the same as you can in the physical space. My bipartisan SAM-C bill, which Senator MENENDEZ and I have introduced, would offer incentives to American pharmaceutical companies to bring those operations back home.

Let's make that in America. This would create thousands of jobs, and it would help secure our pharmaceutical supply chain.

We are focusing on these things because recovery is going to require more than a blank check. If we want to be successful, we have to learn to recognize the practical damage this disease has inflicted on our economy and then do something to address the many root causes of it.

Every day, we witness local, State, and Federal Government officials struggling to balance the provision of community health with the needs of a struggling economy. Often, regulatory constraints prevent them from implementing the more agile policies so desperately needed by local businesses and service providers.

Last week, I and a number of my colleagues asked Majority Leader MCCONNELL and Minority Leader SCHUMER to include statutory changes in the next round of relief legislation that would reduce the redtape, the paperwork, and the other requirements that could and will inevitably get in the way of economic recovery.

If we take a hard look at these regulations and strip away those that serve no real purpose, we will save businesses an estimated—get this—\$1.9 trillion, promote competition, and encourage investment. That is \$1.9 trillion. That is what the regulatory state costs American businesses.

To survive the pandemic, each and every one of us is going to have to re-examine our approach. We need to ask ourselves: What is the purpose of all the regulations? Do they help? Do they hurt? If we didn't need it in COVID-19, why do we need it now? What is the actual cost to businesses, to communities, to local governments of these regulations? As companies go through the restart, is this something that is going to speed the process or is it something that is going to slow the process, or is it something that is going to be so cost-prohibitive that that small business manufacturing company will just throw their hands up and say: "I give up. I give up"? That is not what we want. That is not recovery. That is not optimism. That would be defeat. I encourage us all to join in this effort to create an environment that will support a full economic recovery.

I yield floor.

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 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 Scott H. Rash, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst, John Barrasso, Deb Fischer, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, Roy Blunt, John Thune, Rob Portman, Shelley Moore Capito, Steve Daines, Lindsey Graham, Pat Roberts, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo.

By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the nomination of Scott H. Rash, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted “yea,” the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) would have voted “yea,” and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) would have voted “yea.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 21, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 93 Ex.]

YEAS—67

Baldwin	Fischer	Perdue
Barrasso	Gardner	Portman
Bennet	Graham	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Roberts
Blunt	Hassan	Romney
Boozman	Hawley	Rosen
Braun	Hoeven	Sasse
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Carper	Inhofe	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Johnson	Shaheen
Collins	Jones	Shelby
Coons	Kaine	Sinema
Cornyn	Kennedy	Smith
Cortez Masto	King	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Tester
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Loeffler	Tillis
Cruz	Manchin	Toomey
Daines	McConnell	McSally
Duckworth	McSally	Warner
Enzi	Murkowski	Wicker
Ernst	Murphy	Young
Feinstein	Paul	

NAYS—21

Blumenthal	Heinrich	Schatz
Booker	Hirono	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Menendez	Udall
Durbin	Merkley	Van Hollen
Gillibrand	Murray	Warren
Harris	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—12

Alexander	Leahy	Rounds
Brown	Markey	Rubio
Burr	Moran	Sanders
Cardin	Peters	Whitehouse

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 21.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

REMEMBERING TOM COBURN

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, in March, our country lost a great statesman and my fellow “squealer,” former Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. A family physician who delivered more than 4,000 babies, he was known as “Dr.

Tom” in Oklahoma, but in Washington he was called “Dr. No” because of his fierce opposition to adding more red ink to the national debt.

Having served just 10 years in the Senate before retiring in 2019, the year I was elected, I never had the honor to serve alongside Dr. Coburn. Nonetheless, his leadership and his efforts to eliminate government waste and overreach continues to be an inspiration to me and to many others.

“If you cannot find waste in any part of the Federal budget,” he once commented, “it can only be for one reason—you haven’t looked.” Many of the outlandish examples he exposed are now what I call legendary. Take, for example, the shrimp on a treadmill, and of course there was the “bridge to nowhere.”

Every Federal agency in Washington feared the notoriety of being called out in Dr. Coburn’s annual report of government excess known as the waste book. He led the fight that ended congressional earmarks that were known as pork projects. While others got credit for creating new government programs, Dr. Coburn took on the thankless job of trying to unravel the maze of duplicative, overlapping programs and redundant and inefficient bureaucracy.

The law he authored requiring the Government Accountability Office, or GAO, to identify duplication within Federal programs has saved our taxpayers more than \$260 billion to date. I think the head of GAO said it best; that this law is “the gift that keeps on giving, and it will for a long time.” This effort is not just saving money; it is making government more efficient in other important ways.

An egregious example found that as a result of Coburn’s duplication law, there are 10 different agencies with 23 different overlapping and fragmented definitions for sexual violence. If we can’t even define the problem, how are we going to stop it, folks? That is why I am proud to say that I have joined Senator RON JOHNSON’s efforts to clarify the definition of sexual violence and improve data collection so that we can address this issue head on.

Another law Coburn authored with none other than then-Senator Barack Obama put all Federal expenditures online so that taxpayers could simply Google to find out how their tax dollars are being spent. Hailed as the greatest government transparency reform since the Freedom of Information Act, the public website, USAspending.gov is helping to keep Washington accountable for how every cent is spent. If you go on the website today you can find ridiculous examples of binge-buying bureaucrats who are ringing up tens of billions of dollars of last-minute, unnecessary purchases at the end of a fiscal year, splurging on unnecessary things like tons of Tater Tots, \$4.6 million on crab legs and lobster, and even a foosball table. When I heard of this outlandish spending, I

embraced my inner Tom Coburn and took action, putting forward a bill to end Washington’s year-end, use-it-or-lose-it spending sprees.

Folks, Tom Coburn was not afraid to work across the aisle to find compromise without compromising his principles or values. There is no better example than the friendship he struck up with President Obama. The two were elected to the Senate the same year, and they were on opposite sides of nearly every major issue during their time in Washington. Yet Dr. Coburn would regularly call to offer encouragement to President Obama and pray for him and his family. The two of them could even be spotted hugging and laughing together at the State of the Union Address.

At a time when the focus too often is on what separates rather than unites us, these are relationship goals we should all aspire to achieve with one another if we hope to tackle the unprecedented problems now facing our Nation.

Our hearts and prayers are with Dr. Coburn’s wife Carolyn and his daughters and grandchildren as they grieve his loss. While he can never be replaced, we can all take comfort knowing Tom Coburn has made this world a better place and that the legacy he left behind endures through many of his staff members as well, such as Roland Foster, who is now on my staff. The legacy he left behind endures and the crusade he championed continues.

Mr. President, I yield the floor to my colleague from Indiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. BRAUN. Mr. President, I thank Senator ERNST for that beautiful testimony to Senator Tom Coburn.

While I was running for Senate, I was often asked who my heroes were in the U.S. Senate. The first name that always came to mind was Dr. Tom Coburn.

As a legislator, Dr. Coburn was a force of nature. As a conservative stalwart who stood by his principles—no matter the pressure—and with whom ever would stand with him, regardless of party, Dr. Coburn’s entire career was a profile in courage. He believed so strongly that America’s best wisdom wasn’t held on Wall Street or Pennsylvania Avenue but on Main Street, among the small business owners, doctors, families, and workers who really keep our country going.

Dr. Coburn blasted a path for conservative outsiders to take on Washington orthodoxy on everything from national debt to term limits, to our broken healthcare system, and his career was an inspiration for me to leave my business and run for the Senate.

His bedside manner was often brusque, but on the tough issues, like any good doctor, Tom Coburn told people what they needed to hear, not what they wanted to hear.

To Dr. Tom Coburn, our towering national debt was not just a thorn in