

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	Warner
Duckworth	McSally	Wicker
Enzi	Murkowski	Young
Ernst	Murphy	
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

America's side; it was a supreme moral failing. As one of the few true fiscal hawks in recent decades, Senator Coburn wore the nickname "Dr. No" as a badge of courage, understanding that there is nothing commendable about spending our grandchildren's money just because we will not be at the table when the bill comes due.

If there is one thing that could fix Washington more than any other, it is strict term limits and more accountability for Congress. Inspired by Dr. Coburn, I made my pledge to only serve two terms a fixture of my campaign and am following his example by refusing to accept a congressional pension when I leave.

Last year, my bill to make pensions for Congress optional passed the Senate, putting us one step closer to getting rid of this outdated, taxpayer-funded perk altogether.

No Budget, No Pay, a bill Dr. Coburn championed in the Senate, was the first bill I introduced after taking office. It is a simple measure: Congress doesn't need a paycheck until they pass a budget. I am proud to say it has now cleared committee thanks to the work from fellow conservative outsiders like Senator RICK SCOTT and DAVID PERDUE.

As a family physician who continued to see patients even as he served in Congress, Dr. Coburn always had a special passion for fixing our broken healthcare system. He understood better than anyone that our healthcare woes began at a fundamentally broken system in need of transparency, more choice for patients, and market-driven reforms to put decision-making back into the hands of Americans and their care providers.

My bills to lower prescription drug prices and ensure every patient knows what they have to pay before they pay it were introduced with invaluable input from Dr. Coburn. As we all should, he recognized that, no matter how vast the distance between our positions seems to be, healthcare is and always should be a bipartisan issue where compromise is necessary to help patients.

In the summer of 2018, I was honored that Dr. Coburn came to Indiana to campaign with me. I will never forget what he said to a young man from the crowd at one of our events.

"What can I do now if I want to be a Senator someday?"

Dr. Coburn didn't tell him to go to law school. He didn't tell him to run for office or intern in a congressional office.

"Go work really hard at something for 40 years so you have something to say when you get there."

I loved it. Dr. Coburn ushered in the era of the outsider in Washington, the effects of which are only just now beginning to be realized. I think we could get a much better product out of DC with more people like him whose beliefs come from a deep well of real-world experience.

He was more than just an inspiration for me and other conservatives to leave the private sector and shake up business as usual in DC. He was one of the greatest Senators, most effective problem-solvers, and most important conservative voices of our time—the great outsider.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULIVAN). The majority leader.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the postcloture time on the Rash nomination expire at 11:45 a.m. tomorrow; I further ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote on the Trainor nomination occur at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow; further, I ask unanimous consent that if cloture is invoked on the Trainor nomination, the postcloture time expire at 4:30 p.m.; finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination, PN1715, and that it be placed on the Calendar.

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

The nomination is placed on the Calendar.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

##### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 89, adoption of amendment No. 1583, to remove internet website browsing information and search history from scope of authority to access certain business records for foreign intelligence and international terrorism investigations. On vote No. 89, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

I was also necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 90, adoption of amendment No. 1584, to improve the amicus

provisions and require the disclosure of relevant information. On vote No. 90, had I been present, I would have voted yea.

#### NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, each year, I look forward to National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to honor the more than 440,000 children and youth in foster care nationwide. It is also an opportunity to honor the foster and kinship families and child welfare workers who support them.

This year, in particular, the importance of supporting the children, youth, families and skilled workers in the foster care system has been underscored by the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is essential that Congress not only honor those who give and receive care as part of this system, but also those who take meaningful action to protect families, children, youth, and workers from the spread of the virus.

In my home State of Oregon, more than 11,000 children and youth enter foster care in a given year, and about 7,900 children and youth are living in out-of-home placements on any given day. Oregon provides transition services to about 1,350 young adults, but many continue to struggle to find work, go to college, or complete technical training. The COVID-19 virus has hit these older youth particularly hard.

As we consider actions to help the nation weather this pandemic, I would like to recognize a nonprofit organization in my State that represents a critical part of the response to COVID-19 for children and youth in the foster care system and those who have aged out of the system without finding a home to call their own. FosterClub is based in a beautiful town on the Oregon coast, Seaside. FosterClub is marking its 20th anniversary working to improve the lives of children and youth in foster care by connecting them to resources, teaching them how to become self advocates, and helping elevate their lived experiences and voices to members of Congress. By doing so, they are able to inform positive changes in our federal foster care system.

And that is what this month is about: honoring the strength of those currently in and those who have exited the foster care system. It is about listening to their experiences and their needs.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to craft and get across the finish line legislation to strengthen and improve the foster care policies in Oregon and around the country. Not too long ago, then-Chairman Orrin Hatch and I were able to come together and pass into law the landmark Family First Prevention Services Act, commonly known as Family First.

Family First was Children Defense Fund Founder Marion Wright Edelman's vision for a better Federal