

These are priorities that go beyond party. That is why this bill has passed for the last 59 years in a row with bipartisan support, and that is why we are going to do it again today.

There is talk out there that people in Washington don't really work that hard. Let me assure you, they do in this case. We have been blessed with a couple of leaders, this great committee we have that put this together. Those leaders include John Bonsell. John Bonsell has been working in this effort with me for well over 20 years, and he was a great leader of this group. On the Democratic side, the minority side, Liz King has worked hand in hand with John Bonsell. The whole team has worked together.

Developing a bill that comes out of committee with only two dissenting votes is not something that is done every day. I want to personally thank those individuals on our side, and we will ask Senator REED to do the same on the minority side.

We want to thank not just John Bonsell but John Wason, Tom Goffus, Stephanie Barna, Greg Lilly, Marta Hernandez, Rick Berger, Jennie Wright, Adam Barker, Augusta BinnsBerkey, Al Edwards, Sean O'Keefe, Brad Patout, Jason Potter, Katie Sutton, Eric Trager, Dustin Walker, T.C. Williams, Otis Winkler, Gwyneth Woolwine, Katie Magnus, Arthur Tellis, Leah Brewer, Debbie Chiarello, Gary Howard, Tyler Wilkinson, John Bryant, Griffin Cannon, Keri-Lyn Michalke, Soleil Sykes, Brittany Amador, Jillian Schofield.

We will cover those from the minority side in just a moment.

From my personal office: Luke Holland, Andrew Forbes, Leacy Burke, Don Archer, Travis Tarbox—who just got his promotion to major yesterday—Brian Brody, Dan Hillenbrand, Jake Hinch, Devin Barrett, Laurie Fitch, and Whitney Fulluo.

Lastly, from the floor staff: Robert Duncan, Chris Tuck, Megan Mercer, Tony Hanagan, Katherine Foster, Brian Canfield, Abigail Baker, Anna Carmack, and Maddie Sanborn.

It is because of the tireless work of all these fine people—we are talking about the members of the committee, the personal staff, and we are talking about the staff in the cloakrooms—I want to thank them all. This is our only opportunity to do that.

We are going to hear now from the ranking member, Senator REED, and then, after that, we will vote and look forward to this year's NDAA passing with a strong bipartisan majority.

Senator REED.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. President, I rise, once again, to express my support for the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2021. I want to commend the chairman for his leadership and his thoughtfulness throughout this whole process.

I am pleased, as we all are, that we will be voting soon on passage. I be-

lieve this is an excellent bill. I believe it provides the men and women of our military with resources and the authorizations needed to defend our Nation, while at the same time taking care of their families. It was crafted after a series of thoughtful hearings, discussion, and debate on both sides of the aisle. It was passed out of committee with strong bipartisan support.

Most importantly, I am very pleased that this bill has had such full consideration on the Senate floor. For the first time in a long time, we were able to come to an agreement to debate and vote on several amendments. In addition, we were able to adopt over 140 amendments from Members on both sides of the aisle.

I want to, again, thank Senator INHOFE for his leadership getting the Defense authorization bill to this point, overcoming the many challenges posed by the pandemic and by other factors that made this a very unusual year. I look forward to working with him as we go into conference.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee staff who have worked so hard. I specifically want to recognize, as the chairman has, the staff director, John Bonsell, for the Republicans and the staff director for the Democrats, Elizabeth King. They worked together. They are diligent. They are bipartisan. They are thoughtful. They are the best examples of a staff member of the U.S. Senate.

I would also like to thank my staff on the Democratic side: Jody Bennett, Carolyn Chuhta, Jon Clark, Jonathan Epstein, Jorie Feldman, Creighton Greene, Ozge Guzelsu, Gary Leeling, Kirk McConnell, Maggie McNamara Cooper, Bill Monahan, Mike Noblet, John Quirk, Arun Seraphin, Fiona Tomlin, and, once again, staff director Elizabeth King.

Also, let me thank the floor staff and the leadership staff. You have been part of this process for the last several weeks, and you have done a remarkable job. We thank you for that very, very much. You facilitated our efforts.

Finally, I would urge all of my colleagues to vote for this very excellent bill.

I yield the floor.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I know of no further debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the third time.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 86, nays 14, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 140 Leg.]

#### YEAS—86

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

#### NAYS—14

Booker	Kennedy	Paul
Braun	Leahy	Sanders
Brown	Lee	Warren
Gillibrand	Markey	Wyden
Harris	Merkley	

The bill (S. 4049), as amended, was passed.  
(The bill, as amended, will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

#### 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 Scott Hardy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Michael B. Enzi, Tim Scott, Marco Rubio, Lamar Alexander, James E. Risch, David Perdue, Bill Cassidy, Pat Roberts, John Cornyn, Lindsey Graham, Thom Tillis, Deb Fischer, Mike Crapo, Kevin Cramer.

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 Scott Hardy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas are 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 North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY), and the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 60, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 141 Ex.]

#### YEAS—60

Alexander	Fischer	Murphy
Baldwin	Gardner	Perdue
Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hassan	Roberts
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Braun	Hoeven	Rubio
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Carper	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Casey	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Collins	Jones	Shaheen
Cornyn	Kennedy	Shelby
Cotton	King	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Tester
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Loeffler	Tillis
Daines	Manchin	Toomey
Enzi	McConnell	Warner
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Feinstein	Murkowski	Young

#### NAYS—32

Bennet	Harris	Rosen
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Schatz
Booker	Hirono	Schumer
Brown	Klobuchar	Smith
Cantwell	Markey	Stabenow
Cardin	Menendez	Udall
Coons	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Paul	Whitehouse
Durbin	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	

#### NOT VOTING—8

Burr	Leahy	Sanders
Cassidy	McSally	Sinema
Kaine	Romney	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 60, and the nays are 32.

The motion is agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read nomination of William Scott Hardy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT—S. 4049

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the passage of S. 4049, the clerk be authorized to correct the instruction line on amendment No. 2417.

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

The amendment (S. 2417), as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the requirements for the Department of Energy response to the review by the Nuclear Weapons Council of the budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration)

Beginning on page 1036, strike line 7 and all that follows through page 1037, line 8, and insert the following:

“(3) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESPONSE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Council submits to the Secretary of Energy a written description under paragraph (2)(B)(i) with respect to the budget request of the Administration for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall include as an appendix to the budget request submitted to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget—

“(i) the funding levels and initiatives identified in the description under paragraph (2)(B)(i); and

“(ii) any additional comments the Secretary considers appropriate.

“(B) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of Energy shall transmit to Congress, with the budget justification materials submitted in support of the Department of Energy budget for a fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code), a copy of the appendix described in subparagraph (A).”.

Strike Sections 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3116.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS—S. 3685 AND S. 4097

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate en bloc consideration of the following bills: S. 3685, the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act, which I am a prime sponsor of, and S. 4097, Senator WARREN's bill, the Protecting Renters from Evictions and Fees Act. I further ask that the bills be considered read a third time and passed en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, we have discussed this before on the floor, and I will not go through that entirely in my part of the discussion here.

Four months ago with the CARES Act, we came together and unanimously passed a package that provided historic support, significant support, in the rental markets, as this request focuses on. I believe that in the coming days, we can come to that same kind of consensus and deal with this important issue. Because of that, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. I am disappointed. I knew it was coming from Senator CRAPO. He is my friend, and I appreciate the cooperation, but this is so much more serious than what we did a few months ago.

We have been asking just down the hall—Senator MCCONNELL was just in. We have asked him week after week after week—April, May, June, half of July—to do something about this impending problem we have.

This is why we have to do this now. Tomorrow, millions of families face a massive cliff, and they face another one in a week. Right now, millions of Americans are in danger of losing their homes. In the CARES Act, we put a temporary moratorium on evictions and foreclosures for renters and homeowners and properties with federally backed loans, as well as for renters receiving Federal assistance. It is a good thing entirely, just not enough. This rental eviction moratorium expires tomorrow.

The last thing we need—imagine this: In the middle of a public health crisis, people who get evicted roam the streets, or they go to an overcrowded shelter, or they go live in their cousin's basement—all potentially spreading the virus.

We know the moratorium didn't go far enough. It only covered 28 percent of renters. We should be extending and expanding the moratorium. We should be passing my emergency rental assistance bill to get people through this pandemic, not kicking them out on the streets.

We already had a housing crisis in this country before the coronavirus hit. Many of the professions we are now recognizing as essential—one essential worker, a grocery store worker, said:

I don't feel essential. They call me essential. I feel expendable because I don't make much money, and they don't protect you at work.

Many of those people recognized as essential aren't paid enough to afford housing.

Think about this: One-quarter of all renters—one out of four renters—before the pandemic were paying half or more of their income in rent. One thing happens in their lives, and they are on the streets. Now we are seeing millions of people all at once have those same emergencies. They are facing impossible choices between rent and grocery or prescriptions or draining their savings or going to a payday lender. More than 40 percent—40 percent—of Black and Latinx renters report they are unlikely to be able to make their next payment—40 percent.

Some people don't have any choice at all. Their only option is eviction. Those evictions are already happening in Columbus, the capital city in Ohio, the largest city in Ohio. In Columbus, they have turned the convention center into an eviction court—an eviction court at the convention center. More eviction filings will be coming if we do nothing.

For all those renters who have been protected from eviction by the CARES Act, back rent will suddenly be due. They will owe for March and April and May and June. The same goes for the millions who aren't protected under