

must reclaim—for the future of every child in America, certainly for the future of our environment here in the United States, certainly for the health of the planet, we must reclaim that vision of government of, by, and for the people.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Go ahead, Senator. I just wanted to see if we are going into the vote now, and, if so, whatever procedural steps you needed to take us into the vote, but I yield to the Senator from Maine.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, shortly, we will be voting on whether or not to extend the Paycheck Protection Program, which has been hugely successful in helping our small businesses keep their employees.

In Maine, three out of four small businesses have received \$2.3 billion in forgivable loans. Most important, these loans have helped to sustain 250,000 jobs in the State of Maine and 50 million jobs nationwide.

A bipartisan group of us—Senator RUBIO, Senator CARDIN, Senator SHAHEEN, and I—put this bipartisan program together in March. We added funding in April, and we extended it in June until August 8.

The pandemic, unfortunately, is still forcing shutdowns and mitigation measures months later. Many of the small businesses that were sustained by their PPP loans are still unable to return to normal operations.

Without more assistance, without being eligible for a second PPP loan, many of the hardest hit small businesses, including our restaurants, our gift shops, our hotels, and our B&Bs, will be forced to close their doors, and, worse yet, lay off their workers. That is why it is so important that we reach bipartisan agreement quickly to provide further assistance to small businesses and nonprofits that have been kept alive by their first PPP loan, that have been able to retain and pay their employees but now are still struggling to survive due to this persistent pandemic.

The amendment that we are about to vote on would provide approximately \$258 billion in funding to allow eligibility for a second PPP loan for the hardest hit small businesses and nonprofits, while also expanding and improving the program in some commonsense ways.

This is all about keeping Americans employed. This amendment is endorsed by the NFIB, the National Restaurant Association, the American Hotel and Lodging Association, the International Franchise Association, HospitalityMaine, the United Fresh Produce Association, the National Fisheries Institute, and the International Foodservice Distributors Association.

I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this important step to renew and strengthen the PPP program to save our small businesses and their employees' jobs.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

PROTECT ACT—Motion to Proceed

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675, a bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I withdraw the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

The motion is withdrawn.

UIGHUR INTERVENTION AND GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN UNIFIED RESPONSE ACT OF 2019

The Senate proceeded to consider the House message to accompany S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute.

McConnell Amendment No. 2680 (to Amendment No. 2652), to improve the small business programs.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to table amendment No. 2680 and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 40, nays 57, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 203 Leg.]

YEAS—40

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Rosen
Bennet	Heinrich	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schatz
Booker	Kaine	Schumer
Brown	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Leahy	Tester
Carper	Manchin	Udall
Casey	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	Menendez	Warren
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Murphy	Wyden
Durbin	Murray	
Feinstein	Reed	

NAYS—57

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

NOT VOTING—3

Harris	Paul	Sinema
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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

PROTECT ACT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675, a bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to explain to the American people what is happening here on the floor of the Senate. After putting the Senate on pause for over 5 long months, while businesses closed, millions lost their jobs, and hundreds of thousands of Americans died, Leader McCONNELL is now using this week to hold show votes on coronavirus relief. The vote we just had was not even a real vote. Leader McCONNELL moved to table the bill, then voted against tabling it. It was a stunt, plain and simple. It goes to show how unserious the Republican process is here on the floor of the Senate. Democrats, by their vote, called it for what it is.

The truth is Leader McCONNELL is doing these stunts on the floor because there is a hard-right faction in the Republican caucus that doesn't want to pass any bill—any other round of relief. The Republican leader admitted that as many as 20 Republican Senators don't want to vote for anything. One Republican Senator voted not to vote

for “another dime.” Every time the Republican White House asks the Republican Senators about a larger and needed COVID relief package, the Republican Senators say: Don’t do anything. We are too divided.

As if we needed any more proof this week that the votes this week are not serious, it was just reported in the Washington Post that Leader MCCONNELL warned the White House against making a deal on a COVID relief bill before the election. Let me repeat that. According to a report in the Washington Post, the Republican leader warned the White House against making a deal on another stimulus bill before the election.

Maybe it is because he knows his caucus wouldn’t support it. Maybe it is because he doesn’t want anything to interfere with his true priority—rushing a Supreme Court Justice onto the bench mere days before a Presidential election. Maybe it is both. Whatever the reason, it is abundantly clear that what the Republican leader is offering this week is a stunt—designed to look real but designed to fail.

He told the White House he doesn’t actually want a deal before the election. Now, if my Republican colleagues—those of the mind to help the American people, not those who believe we have spent too much already—want to do something real, we are going to give them a chance on the floor right now. I will be making a motion to move the Senate into a posture by which we could all vote on the Heroes Act that passed the House. If the Senate were to pass it, it would head right to the President’s desk. The Democrats have already modified the bill to make it more palatable to our Republican colleagues by coming down over \$1 trillion.

So, if you are a Republican who wants to adequately fund our schools, our hospitals, and our medical centers, vote with the Democrats on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to adequately fund testing and tracing and devote the resources our country needs to prevent a second wave of the virus, you should vote with the Democrats on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to assist all small businesses, including our hardest hit industries and underserved communities, newspapers, restaurants, minority-owned businesses, and independent music venues and theaters, you can vote with us on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to employ a lifeline to the unemployed, to feed the hungry, to assist renters and homeowners, and to stave off drastic cuts to State and local services, you should vote with us—with the Democrats—on the next motion.

The country is crying out for real, substantial, comprehensive relief. The Heroes Act provides it. It includes all of the urgent and necessary measures that the Republicans have left out of their proposals. If my Republican colleagues are serious—really serious—

about providing relief to the American people, then, vote to allow the Senate to consider the Heroes Act.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. President, I move to table the McConnell motion to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675, and 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 204 Leg.]

YEAS—45

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

NAYS—52

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

NOT VOTING—3

Harris	Paul	Sinema
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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Motion to Proceed

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 866.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion.

Ms. BALDWIN. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Leg.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Hassan	Rosen
Bennet	Heinrich	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schatz
Booker	Jones	Kaine
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Udall
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Feinstein	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—5

Harris	Paul	Sinema
Jones	Shaheen	

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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