

I am very pleased that our legislation includes an additional \$20 billion in funding to allow the Department of Agriculture to continue to assist ag producers and processors.

We have also made sure to include liability protections for schools and businesses that are doing their best to protect others from the virus. Predatory trial lawyers are already lining up to exploit the COVID crisis for financial gain. We need to protect our economic recovery by ensuring that schools, businesses, and medical professionals aren't subjected to frivolous lawsuits for coronavirus infections that were beyond their control.

I would love to be able to say that Republicans will pass our coronavirus bill in the next couple of weeks, but, unfortunately, that depends on my Democratic colleagues. The Democratic leadership hasn't shown much inclination to work with Republicans. In fact, it has shown the opposite.

Speaker PELOSI spent more than 3 months—3 months—supposedly negotiating a coronavirus relief package that never arrived. Why? Because Democrats refused to put a reasonable offer on the table.

Members of the Speaker's own party pleaded with her to arrive at an agreement, but the Speaker wouldn't listen, and she is still not listening.

Despite the fact that her party lost a number of seats in the House in the election, the Speaker and the Democratic leader in the Senate are still refusing to come to the table to work with Republicans. In fact, the Speaker and the leader have doubled down—doubled down—on their unreasonable demands.

I get that Democratic leaders would like to be able to design their own coronavirus bill with no input from anyone else, but that is not what happens in a divided government.

In a divided government, both sides have to compromise in order to pass legislation. Republicans know that, and we are willing to compromise to get relief into the hands of the American people, but Democrats are not. Even as the coronavirus surges around the country, Democrats continue to insist on their way or the highway.

It is hard not to think that the Democratic leadership is more interested in exploiting this crisis for political gain than in actually getting relief to Americans.

We could have another COVID relief bill ready for passage tomorrow if Democrats would just come to the table. It is inexcusable that they haven't. But Republicans aren't giving up. We will continue to invite our Democratic colleagues to work with us to develop compromise legislation.

I hope that at least some of my colleagues from the other side of the aisle will decide that a pandemic is not the time to play politics and will work with us to deliver a bill to the American people.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LOEFFLER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VOTE ON JOHNSON NOMINATION

Under the previous order, all postcloture time on the nomination has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Johnson nomination?

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I request 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea," the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) would have voted "yea," and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 43, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 230 Ex.]

##### YEAS—53

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

##### NAYS—43

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

##### NOT VOTING—4

Alexander	Harris
Grassley	Scott (FL)

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### 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 Benjamin Joel Beaton, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, Tom Cotton, David Perdue, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, Lindsey Graham, Thom Tillis, Tim Scott, James E. Risch, Michael B. Enzi, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, John Thune, John Boozman.

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 Benjamin Joel Beaton, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, 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 Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea," the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) would have voted "yea," and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 44, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 231 Ex.]

##### YEAS—52

Barrasso	Enzi	McConnell
Blackburn	Ernst	McSally
Blunt	Fischer	Moran
Boozman	Gardner	Murkowski
Braun	Graham	Paul
Burr	Hawley	Perdue
Capito	Hoeven	Portman
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Collins	Inhofe	Roberts
Cornyn	Johnson	Romney
Cotton	Kennedy	Rounds
Cramer	Lankford	Rubio
Crapo	Lee	Sasse
Cruz	Loeffler	Scott (SC)
Daines	Manchin	Shelby

Sinema  
Sullivan  
Thune

Tillis  
Toomey  
Wicker

Young

## NAYS—44

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

## NOT VOTING—4

Alexander Harris  
Grassley Scott (FL)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 52, the nays are 44.

The motion is agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Benjamin Joel Beaton, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

## RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:17 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. CAPITO).

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

## VOTE ON BEATON NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All postcloture time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Beaton nomination?

Mr. INHOFE. 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea", the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) would have voted "yea", and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea".

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 232 Ex.]

## YEAS—52

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

## NAYS—44

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

## NOT VOTING—4

Alexander Harris  
Grassley Scott (FL)

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Shelton nomination be waived.

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

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 Judy Shelton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Mitch McConnell, John Thune, Marsha Blackburn, Joni Ernst, Pat Roberts, John Cornyn, Lindsey Graham, Deb Fischer, Tim Scott, Lamar Alexander, Kevin Cramer, Mike Braun, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Michael B. Enzi, John Boozman, Thom Tillis.

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 Judy Shelton, of California, to be a

Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010, 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 Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "nay," the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea," and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) would have voted "yea."

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 233 Ex.]

## YEAS—47

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

## NAYS—50

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

## NOT VOTING—3

Alexander Grassley Scott (FL)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 47, the nays are 50, and the motion is not agreed to.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Crouse nomination be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the