

To argue that we ought to close the doors of the court to people who are seeking relief, when so few lawsuits have been filed, makes no sense at all. How many personal injury suits? How many people have sued some person or entity or business saying, "On your premises, I contracted this COVID-19"? Well, out of 13 million who have been infected, you would think the number would be enormous. Twenty-two—that is the number—twenty-two personal injury lawsuits have been filed. One hundred and ten of these additional lawsuits have been filed by employees for workplace situations. Out of all these lawsuits in the United States of America for malpractice, personal injury, and workplace complaints, there are 142 lawsuits nationwide. Why would we hold up the \$908 billion economic relief over this phenomena? Do you want to know where most of the lawsuits are being filed? Most of the lawsuits are being filed between businesses, as well as businesses versus their insurance companies, and prisoners who are petitioning the court for release from what they consider to be dangerous circumstances. Those are the lawsuits that make up the bulk of the cases that have been filed so far.

There is no tsunami of lawsuits. The States are handling this matter responsibly and effectively, and there is no indication that our tort system in this country needs to be dramatically changed. That is why I really withheld my attendance this morning at this press conference. The group has not agreed on the basic issue of liability, but there were statements being made that I could not agree with that I didn't want to suggest that I did, and that is why I didn't attend. I am still ready to work on it. I want to work on it and find a bipartisan way to protect the rights of individuals who have been wronged for their day in court, not to extinguish or take away any rights from any people, to acknowledge that States have made decisions on COVID-19 and are moving forward and are doing a very fine job, as those numbers indicate.

Let us not make the best the enemy of the good. For those Republicans who believe that the Cornyn bill on liability is an essential part of this package, do not deny unemployment insurance and help to small businesses across America because we need to fight out this battle. If the Democrats had insisted that we would have no COVID-19 bill unless we had minimum-wage legislation or family leave related to economic circumstances, you would say: Why don't you save that debate for another day? We don't need it at this moment. We do need it as a nation but not at this moment. At this moment, we need to pass emergency assistance to the families and businesses across America.

I salute my friends who are part of this effort, this bipartisan effort. I am glad that I spent the time that I did, and I am still ready to work some

more. We can come to a conclusion, and we must.

For the U.S. Senate to finish this month without dealing with this very basic COVID-19 relief package is fundamentally wrong. It is the highest priority for families and businesses across America, and we owe them nothing less.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the vote on the McNeel nomination to begin now.

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

Under the previous order, all postcloture time has expired.

The question is, will the Senate advise and consent to the McNeel nomination?

Mr. ROUNDS. 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 241 Ex.]

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—39

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

NOT VOTING—8

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| Harris | Loeffler | Schatz |
| Hawley | McSally | Whitehouse |
| Inhofe | Sanders | |

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.

The majority leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

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 J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Mitch McConnell, James E. Risch, Joni Ernst, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Crapo, James Lankford, Thom Tillis, Roy Blunt, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, John Cornyn, John Hoeven, Jerry Moran, Lamar Alexander, Mike Braun, David Perdue.

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 J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, 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 Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote or change their vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Ex.]

YEAS—58

| | | |
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| Alexander | Braun | Cassidy |
| Barrasso | Brown | Collins |
| Blackburn | Burr | Cornyn |
| Blunt | Capito | Cotton |
| Boozman | Carper | Cramer |

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| Crapo | Kennedy | Rubio |
| Cruz | Lankford | Sasse |
| Daines | Lee | Scott (FL) |
| Enzi | Manchin | Scott (SC) |
| Ernst | McConnell | Shelby |
| Fischer | Moran | Sinema |
| Gardner | Murkowski | Sullivan |
| Graham | Murphy | Tester |
| Grassley | Paul | Thune |
| Hassan | Perdue | Tillis |
| Hawley | Portman | Toomey |
| Hoeven | Risch | Wicker |
| Hyde-Smith | Roberts | Young |
| Johnson | Romney | |
| Jones | Rounds | |

NAYS—35

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

NOT VOTING—7

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| Harris | McSally | Whitehouse |
| Inhofe | Sanders | |
| Loeffler | Schatz | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 58, the nays are 35.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 578

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, if necessary, and at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 578 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, and the only amendment in order be an amendment to be offered by Senator GRASSLEY, the text of which is at the desk; further, I ask that the Senate vote on adoption of the Grassley amendment and upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; finally, that adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill require 60 affirmative votes and, if passed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

RECESS

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:20 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. CAPITO).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all postcloture time has expired.

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

Mr. PAUL. Madam 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), 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 result was announced—yeas 58, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Ex.]

YEAS—58

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

NAYS—35

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| Baldwin | Gillibrand | Reed |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Schumer |
| Booker | Kaine | Shaheen |
| Cantwell | King | Smith |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Stabenow |
| Casey | Leahy | Udall |
| Coons | Markey | Van Hollen |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez | Warner |
| Duckworth | Merkley | Warren |
| Durbin | Murray | Wyden |
| Feinstein | Peters | |

NOT VOTING—7

| | | |
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| Harris | McSally | Whitehouse |
| Inhofe | Sanders | |
| Loeffler | Schatz | |

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.

The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

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 Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2025.

Mitch McConnell, Shelley Moore Capito, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Joni Ernst, Roy Blunt, Mike Rounds, Mike Crapo, James Lankford, John Hoeven, Thom Tillis, John Cornyn, Michael B. Enzi, Todd Young, Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, James E. Risch.

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 Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2025, 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 Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 56, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 244 Ex.]

YEAS—56

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