

Leahy	Peters	Sinema
Lee	Portman	Smith
Luján	Reed	Stabenow
Lummis	Risch	Sullivan
Manchin	Romney	Tester
Markey	Rosen	Thune
Marshall	Rounds	Tillis
McConnell	Rubio	Van Hollen
Menendez	Sanders	Warner
Merkley	Schatz	Warnock
Murkowski	Schumer	Warren
Murphy	Scott (FL)	Whitehouse
Murray	Scott (SC)	Wicker
Ossoff	Shaheen	Wyden
Padilla	Shelby	Young

NAYS—2

Paul Toomey

NOT VOTING—8

Barrasso	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Cornyn	Johnson	Tuberville
Cruz	Moran	

The bill (H.R. 1868), as amended, was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). On this vote, the yeas are 90, the nays are 2.

The 60-vote threshold having been achieved, the bill, as amended, is passed.

The bill (H.R. 1868), as amended, passed. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 55.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 Executive Calendar No. 55, Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Charles E. Schumer, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher A. Coons, Patty Murray, Jeff Merkley, Tammy Baldwin, Elizabeth Warren, Robert Menendez, Richard Blumenthal, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Chris Van Hollen, Ron Wyden, Angus S. King, Jr., Robert P. Casey, Jr., Amy Klobuchar, Christopher Murphy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 35.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 Executive Calendar No. 35, Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Charles E. Schumer, Robert Menendez, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Baldwin, Richard J. Durbin, Thomas R. Carper, Tina Smith, Richard Blumenthal, Ben Ray Lujan, Debbie Stabenow, Ron Wyden, Cory A. Booker, Alex Padilla, Jack Reed, Mark R. Warner, Chris Van Hollen, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 33.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2021.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 Executive Calendar No. 33, Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2021.

Charles E. Schumer, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher A. Coons, Patty Murray, Jeff Merkley, Tammy Baldwin, Elizabeth Warren, Robert Menendez, Richard Blumenthal, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Chris Van Hollen, Ron Wyden, Angus S. King, Jr., Robert P. Casey, Jr., Amy Klobuchar, Christopher Murphy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 53.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 Executive Calendar No. 53, Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Charles E. Schumer, Ron Wyden, Maria Cantwell, Richard J. Durbin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Jeanne Shaheen, Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Tammy Duckworth, John Hickenlooper, Gary C. Peters, Brian Schatz, Patty Murray, Tina Smith, Mazie Hirono, Sheldon Whitehouse, Alex Padilla.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

COVID-19 HATE CRIMES ACT—
Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 13, S. 937.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 13, S. 937.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 13, S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 13, S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Duckworth, Richard J. Durbin, Patty Murray, Jeff Merkley, Tammy Baldwin, Elizabeth Warren, Robert Menendez, Bernard Sanders, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Jacky Rosen, Chris Van Hollen, Ron Wyden, Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher Murphy.

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, March 25, be waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

EQUAL PAY DAY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, our Nation is built on some fundamental ideas. One of those ideas is fairness.

But there are millions of women across this country today who are doing the same job as their male colleagues and are being paid less.

That is why on this National Equal Pay Day, I stand with my fellow Senators to close the pay equity gap and ensure equal pay for equal work.

Fifty-eight years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women still only earn, on average, 82 cents for every dollar paid to men.

This wage gap is even worse for women of color.

African-American women who work full time make only 63 cents for every dollar paid to White males.

Hispanic women make only 55 cents on the dollar.

In nearly every industry in our country, women's median earnings remain less than their male counterparts.

There has been one profound change since the passage of the Equal Pay Act 58 years ago. Forty-one percent of women are now the primary or only breadwinners for their families.

In my own State of Illinois, women earn, on average, just 81 cents for every dollar earned by men.

African-American women in Illinois make just 63 cents for every dollar paid to White males. Hispanic women are paid even less—just 49 cents on the dollar.

This pay discrimination hurts working families. More than one-third of households led by women in Illinois live in poverty.

Over their lifetimes, this persistent pay equity gap will cost the average woman in my State nearly \$500,000 in lost wages.

This is not right, and it is not fair. And it means women have to work that much harder to support their families and retire in dignity, and too many can't achieve those goals no matter how long or hard they work.

The coronavirus pandemic has underscored just how deep and damaging pay inequality is in the United States.

Nearly 2 in 3 frontline workers are women. Yet they—nearly universally—are paid less than men in the same roles.

For example, 88 percent of registered nurses are women. Yet they make 93 cents for every dollar a male nurse makes.

Women who work as home health aides, personal care aides, or nursing assistants typically lose \$250 per month, or \$3,000 per year, because of the gender wage gap.

While our economy is slowing starting to recover as people become vaccinated and the virus is brought under control, economists warn that it may take years for women to recover from the economic and career setbacks they have suffered during this pandemic.

Four times as many women as men left the workforce in September of 2020 alone. More than 860,000 women compared to 216,000 men.

From wage discrimination to the unavailability of childcare, women are not getting a fair deal. That means working families are not getting a fair deal. That must change.

This Senate should pass the Paycheck Fairness Act reintroduced by Senator MURRAY.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would build on the successes of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was the first bill signed into law by President Obama back in 2009.

The Lily Ledbetter Act prohibits gender-based pay discrimination, but it is hard to enforce because many employers still maintain policies that punish employees who voluntarily share salary information with their coworkers.

Workers can't demand equal pay if they don't know that they are being underpaid.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would close loopholes that still permit retaliation against workers who disclose their wages.

It would prohibit employers from asking prospective employees about their salary history.

It would require that employers prove that pay disparities exist for legitimate, job-related reasons, not simply because they think that "women's work" is worth less.

I am disappointed that Republican opposition has prevented the Senate from passing this bill, which is vital to the economic security of millions of American women and their families. But we are not giving up.

Women have carried America's families and our economy through this pandemic. As the pandemic begins to end, so should the persistent pay discrimination against women.

I urge my colleagues across the aisle to commit to passing the Paycheck Fairness Act and working with us to close this gender wage gap once and for all.

DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I'm reintroducing a piece of legislation that I first introduced in 2017: the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act.

Back then, we knew there was an urgent need to address the crisis of hate and violent extremism in America.

In the years since, that crisis has only gotten worse, and Congress has failed to take meaningful steps to address it.

We can change that, and we can change it now.

Earlier this week, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on gun violence in America.

It happened just one day after a mass shooting in Boulder, CO claimed 10 lives and just 1 week after a shooting spree at 3 Atlanta-area spas claimed 8 lives.

During the hearing, I mentioned how these tragedies—mass shootings, acts of terror, hate crimes—they occur with such frequency, that we can't keep track.

Each life lost is added to our national tally of failure. A failure to save American lives.

And behind each number is a person.

We lost eight of them last week in the Atlanta area in a hateful act of violence.

Each of them had a name and a story.

Xiaojie Tan was a hard-working mother, wife, and business-owner.

Soon Chung Park was a mother and grandmother who loved to stay active. Her family was sure she was going to live to 100.

Hyun Jung Kim was a former elementary school teacher who had immigrated to the United States from South