

move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 179, David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Charles E. Schumer, Joe Manchin III, Thomas R. Carper, Mazie Hirono, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tammy Baldwin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Peter Welch, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Ray Lujan.

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 David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 147 Ex.]

#### YEAS—54

Baldwin	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rosen
Booker	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Brown	Hirono	Schatz
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Cardin	Kelly	Shaheen
Carper	King	Sinema
Casey	Klobuchar	Smith
Cassidy	Lujan	Stabenow
Collins	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murkowski	Warren
Feinstein	Murphy	Welch
Fetterman	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden

#### NAYS—40

Barrasso	Grassley	Romney
Blackburn	Hagerty	Rounds
Boozman	Hawley	Rubio
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Britt	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Budd	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Capito	Lankford	Thune
Cornyn	Lee	Tillis
Cramer	Lummis	Tuberville
Crapo	Marshall	Vance
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	Mullin	Young
Ernst	Paul	
Fischer	Ricketts	

#### NOT VOTING—6

Cotton	Moran	Risch
Hoeven	Murray	Sullivan

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). The yeas are 54, the nays are 40.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Calendar No. 165, Craig Anderson for U.S. Marshal for the district of Montana for the term of 4 years, that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Craig J. Anderson, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Anderson nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

#### SHORT LINE RAIL ADVOCACY DAY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, in recognition of Short Line Rail Advocacy Day, which was on May 17, I want to speak about the important services short line railroads provide to their customers and the entire economy. I also want to highlight the importance of the railroad track maintenance credit, otherwise known as the short line credit, for maintaining a robust network of short line rail.

The short line credit is available to what are known as class II and class III railroads, which are categorized based on revenue thresholds set by the Surface Transportation Board. This tax credit is not available to the large national and international railroads most people are probably familiar with. While the short line railroads generally operate in a relatively small area, they have a massive impact.

Short line railroads serve a key role in transporting manufactured goods and agricultural products from factories and farms to markets in the U.S. and beyond. They often serve as the "first and last mile" in our Nation's freight transportation network. These links to the rest of the world are crucial to Iowa's economic competitiveness and communities across the country. Nearly half of Iowa's railroad

miles are operated by 13 small railroads that transport more than 300,000 carloads of material a year.

Support of short line railroads has been a long-standing bipartisan priority. Next year will mark the 20th anniversary of the short line credit. Though the credit has spent most of its existence as a tax extender, as then chairman of the Finance Committee, I helped to create the credit and later led a successful effort to make the credit permanent in 2020. I had a lot of support, which is reflected in the fact that legislation that was sponsored by Senator CRAPO, current ranking member of the Finance Committee, to make the credit permanent had 62 cosponsors.

The short line credit provides smaller regional and local railroads a tax credit for a percentage of amounts spent to upgrade and maintain miles of railroad track. However, these small railroads operate on tight margins, and many have insufficient tax liability to claim the credit against.

To address this issue, the law allows short line railroads to assign the credit to another short line, or to a customer. The assigning railroad typically recognizes income for cash received and the assignee deducts payments made. This arrangement ensures that all short line railroads are able to fully utilize the credit.

This year on Short Line Rail Advocacy Day, many of the Nation's 600 short line railroads visited offices on Capitol Hill to remind us of the critical role they play in the industry. According to the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, nearly 30 percent of our national rail network, or roughly 50,000 miles of track, is operated by short lines who at some point handle a quarter of all rail cars moving through the national rail system.

It is important we understand and appreciate what these local and regional railroads do for our communities, and our whole economy.

#### U.S. SENATE VEHICLE AND ALTERNATE VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print the U.S. Senate vehicle and alternate vehicle parking regulations, adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 17, 2023, in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### U.S. SENATE VEHICLE AND ALTERNATE VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS

##### ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION ON MAY 17, 2023

1.0 Scope—These regulations describe the eligibility and processes Senators and eligible staff shall use to request, register, and obtain parking permits for vehicles and alternate vehicles to be parked in Senate garages.

2.0 Definitions—For purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the meaning specified.

2.1 Rules Committee means the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

2.2 Alternate vehicle means a personally owned vehicle, other than an automobile, motorcycle, personal assistance mobility access device, or rental vehicle, including but not limited to bicycles, motorized skateboards, and manual and electric scooters.

2.3 Committee office means the office of a standing, select, or joint committee of the U.S. Senate.

2.4 Congressional ID means a current congressional identification badge issued by the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

2.5 Disbursing office means the Secretary of the Senate's Disbursing Office.

2.6 Eligible staff means employees of the Senate, employees of the Superintendent's Office, or employees of the United States Capitol Police.

2.7 Leadership office means the office of the U.S. Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Majority and Minority Whips, party conferences, and party policy committees.

2.8 Member office means the office of a U.S. Senator.

2.9 Permit means an identification sticker affixed to a vehicle or alternate vehicle authorizing parking in a Senate garage.

2.10 Permit holder means an eligible staffer that is registered with and issued a permit by the Rules Committee.

2.11 SAA means the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

2.12 Senate garage means the underground parking areas in the Dirksen, Hart, and Russell Senate Office Buildings administered by the Superintendent's Office.

2.13 Senate support office means the office of an internal congressional entity that provides services to the Senate, including the Architect of the Capitol, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, the Secretary of the Senate, Senate Legal Counsel, Senate Legislative Counsel, and the United States Capitol Police.

2.14 Superintendent's office means the Architect of the Capitol's Senate Superintendent Office.

2.15 TransAACT means the web-based program administered by the Senate Sergeant at Arms that allows eligible offices to request vehicle and alternate vehicle parking permits.

2.16 USCP means the United States Capitol Police.

2.17 Vehicle means a personally owned, leased, or rented automobile or motorcycle.

3.0 General Use of Garage Vehicle Parking Spaces and Alternate Vehicle Parking Racks—The use of the garage parking spaces for vehicles and parking racks for alternate vehicles is on a first-come, first-served basis.

3.1 Permit holders must park in their assigned garage and parking level.

3.2 Permit holders must present their Congressional ID and display their parking permit to USCP at their assigned garage entrances.

3.3 Permit holders assigned a Member parking permit must park in a Member parking space.

3.4 Permit holders must park vehicles in the designated garage parking spaces and alternate vehicles in the designated garage parking racks in a manner that does not interfere with others' ability to utilize the racks and that does not interfere with adjacent parking spaces.

3.4.1 Personal property, vehicles, and alternate vehicles that obstruct access to a parking space or parking rack will be moved immediately.

3.5 Permits shall only be used by the permit holder and are not transferrable to other vehicles or alternate vehicles.

3.6 Alternate vehicles may not use garage electric chargers.

3.7 SAA outdoor Member license plates are not authorized garage parking permits and cannot be used to park in the Senate garages.

3.7.1 A driver for a Senator may use the SAA outdoor Member license plate to enter a Senate garage to drop off or pick up a Senator at an interior garage door, but must exit the garage after doing so.

3.8 The Senate, the Superintendent's Office, and the USCP are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal property.

4.0 Permit Eligibility—Senators and eligible staff with a valid Congressional ID granting 24-hour building access are eligible for a vehicle or alternate vehicle permit. In no case shall the number of permits issued by the Rules Committee exceed the number of available spaces in any Senate garage.

4.1 Member offices are provided five vehicle parking spaces based on the location of their base suite assignment each Congress.

4.2 Committee offices are provided six vehicle parking spaces based on the location of their official reception room.

4.3 Leadership offices and Senate support offices are provided parking spaces at the discretion of the Rules Committee.

4.4 The Rules Committee issues alternate vehicle permits on a first-come, first-served basis.

4.5 Eligibility for alternate vehicle parking permits is in addition to other vehicle parking and federal transit benefits.

4.6 A permit holder may register up to two vehicles under one vehicle permit.

4.7 A permit holder may register up to two alternate vehicles under one alternate vehicle permit.

5.0 Permit Registration—Eligible staff must submit a permit application through their employing office's TransAACT account.

5.1 The TransAACT permit application requires the registrant's name, office phone number, cell phone number, email address, employing office, license plate number (if applicable), and the make, model/style, and color of the vehicle or alternate vehicle.

5.2 Approved permit holders must provide their Congressional ID and vehicle or alternate vehicle to the Senate Garage Administrative Office, SH-G12, to receive the approved permit.

5.3 The Superintendent's Office will attach the permit in an easily identifiable location.

6.0 Permit Renewal—Permits must be renewed by a permit holder's employing office each Congress.

6.1 The Rules Committee will contact each office for permit renewal information.

6.2 Permit holders approved for renewed permits must bring their Congressional ID and vehicle or alternate vehicle to the Superintendent's Senate Garage Administrative office for the new permit.

6.3 Permit holders may request the Superintendent's office either place the new permit over the previous permit or remove the previous permit and place the new permit in the same position. The Superintendent's office is not responsible for damage caused by removal or placement of a permit.

6.4 Permit holders who either leave Senate employment or whose permits are not renewed must immediately stop using the garage parking spaces and parking racks and bring their vehicle or alternate vehicle to the Superintendent's Senate Garage Administrative office for permit removal.

7.0 Individually Assigned Parking—Any permit holder may submit a written request to the Rules Committee for approval to have an assigned parking space. Upon approval, the Rules Committee shall notify the Disbursing office for the purposes of determining the taxable income, if any, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

8.0 Parking Space Loans—A Member or Committee office is permitted to loan their

assigned vehicle parking spaces to another Member, Committee, Leadership, or Senate support office with a written request to, and approval of, the Rules Committee.

8.1 Vehicle parking space loans must be renewed by the loaning office each Congress with a written request to, and approval of, the Rules Committee.

9.0 Noncompliance—Vehicles and alternate vehicles may not be stored in a Senate garage. The Superintendent's Office conducts regular inspections and will notify vehicle and alternate vehicle owners of noncompliance with these regulations, including for the following: failure to display a valid permit; parking outside of a designated area; and storing or abandoning a vehicle or alternate vehicle in a Senate garage.

9.1 Any vehicle or alternate vehicle that remains unmoved for more than five weeks will be considered as being stored.

9.2 Notice of violation(s) will be placed on the vehicle or alternate vehicle.

9.3 After the fourth notice of violation within a 30-day period without subsequent cure by the permit holder, the Superintendent's office will notify the USCP to remove the vehicle or alternate vehicle and process it as abandoned property.

9.4 Owners of vehicles or alternate vehicles removed from Senate garages should contact the USCP for information regarding its abandoned property policy.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Wednesday May 31, 2023, for rollcall vote No. 134. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 45, providing for the congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Student Loans".

Mr. President, I was absent on Wednesday May 31, 2023, for rollcall vote No. 135. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on H.J. Res. 45, providing for the congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Student Loans".

#### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALDOBORO

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the town of Waldoboro, ME. Waldoboro was built with a spirit of determination and resiliency that still guides the community today, and this is a time to celebrate the generations of hard-working and caring people who have made it such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

The year of Waldoboro's incorporation, 1773, is but one milestone in a long journey of progress. For thousands of years, the land where the Medomak River meets the Atlantic Ocean was the home of the Abenaki Tribe, who hunted and fished in the abundant region. The reverence the Abenaki had for the natural beauty and resources of the area is upheld by the people of Waldoboro today.