

Mr. DURBIN. Thank you for filling me in on that. I appreciate it very much.

## STUDENT LOANS

Madam President, it is that time of year again when students come back from their summer vacations to go to school. This year, some students are breathing easier. They were the victims of a for-profit university—so-called university—Ashford University.

I have come to the floor so many times to state the obvious: These for-profit universities are generally a terrific waste of taxpayers' dollars and students' time.

There are going to be two questions on the final, and the answers I am going to give you ahead of time are: 8 and 30. And the first question is: What percentage of high school kids go to for-profit universities? Eight percent. That is one of the questions.

The second is: What percentage of student loan defaults involves students who went to for-profit colleges and universities? The answer is 30 percent. Eight percent of the students, 30 percent of the defaults. Why? Because they overcharge these students; they lie to them; pile them up with debt and turn them loose.

Now, there comes a point when the students, burdened with debt, petition the government and say: We were defrauded and deceived. In Ashford University's case, that is exactly what happened.

Last week, the Department of Education announced it is canceling \$72 million in student loan debt for more than 2,300 victims of Ashford University.

Ashford is a prime example of the pervasive rot and abuse that exists in the for-profit college industry. An industry that enrolls 8 percent of the students, with 30 percent of the defaults tells the story. In investigating it, the Department of Education found that Ashford just lied to students about the cost of attendance by promising they wouldn't have any out-of-pocket costs when they graduate. Not only was this a lie, but many students reached their lifetime loan limits attending Ashford. And some students were forced to drop out, leaving them with debt and no degree.

Ashford consistently misrepresented the ability to transfer credits from their worthless university to any other school. They misled students about accreditation and licensure status and lied about the length of its bachelor's degree program. It was all a disaster from start to finish for these kids fresh out of high school who thought they were going to college—a real college.

Now listen to this. Ashford isn't disappearing. This is great. Despite Ashford's record of deceitful behavior, the University of Arizona acquired it in 2020, renamed it as the University of Arizona's Global Campus. But even with its shiny new name, this Global Campus was still the same predatory, low-life Ashford that focused on stu-

dent recruitment and enrollment over students' success and outcome. In fact, Ashford brought over the same key staffers who perpetrated their deceit on these students for so many years.

I urge the Department to do its job: discharge the student loans and recoup the funds from Ashford. For-profit colleges have been taking advantage of vulnerable students for far too long. It is time that these fraudulent institutions, not the taxpayers, be financially on the hook.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the vote begin.

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

## VOTE ON COOK NOMINATION

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

Mr. DURBIN. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON).

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Ex.]

## YEAS—51

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

## NAYS—47

Barrasso	Ernst	McConnell
Blackburn	Fischer	Moran
Boozman	Graham	Mullin
Braun	Grassley	Murkowski
Britt	Hagerty	Paul
Budd	Hawley	Ricketts
Capito	Hoeven	Risch
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Collins	Johnson	Rubio
Cornyn	Kennedy	Schmitt
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Daines	Marshall	

Thune	Tuberville	Wicker
Tillis	Vance	Young

NOT VOTING—2

Booker	Cotton
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OSSOFF). 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 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. 257, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012.

Charles E. Schumer, Sherrod Brown, Margaret Wood Hassan, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, John W. Hickenlooper, Elizabeth Warren, Tammy Duckworth, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie Hirono, Tina Smith, Edward J. Markey, Tim Kaine, Tammy Baldwin.

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 Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012, 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Ex.]

## YEAS—52

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

## NAYS—45

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

## NOT VOTING—3

Booker	Cardin	Cotton
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 52, the nays 45.

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 Adriana Debora Kagler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2012.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

## NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in honor of America's prisoners of war, POWs, and missing in action, MIA, I join in acknowledging National POW/MIA Recognition Day this September 15, 2023.

Each year before POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, DPAA, the Agency primarily responsible for recovering America's servicemembers, creates a poster commemorating the lives of U.S. servicemembers still unaccounted for from past conflicts. This year's poster features the words: "Though not here, their sacrifice is not forgotten."

The sacrifice of America's unaccounted-for servicemembers is not forgotten thanks in large part to the POW/MIA families and veterans who have remained committed to keeping the pursuit of facts at the forefront of our national conscience. The sacrifice is not forgotten due to the hard work of those who work for and assist the DPAA and related efforts to get needed answers and bring all American servicemembers home. And the sacrifice is

not forgotten due to the commitment of the members of the POW\*MIA Awareness Rally Corp. of Pocatello, ID, and others across our country who keep a spotlight on the need to keep pressing forward until every American servicemember is brought home.

As I thank all involved in this effort, I urge the enactment of the Bring Our Heroes Home Act, which I joined Senator JEANNE SHAHEEN, in re-introducing this Congress, to help eliminate obstacles preventing families and case-workers from accessing the records needed for recovering America's POWs and MIA. America's heroes and their families deserve this reduction in bureaucratic redtape as we make a strong effort to identify and recover those who have not yet made it back home.

On National POW/MIA Day, we honor those Americans who have thankfully returned home, the families and loved ones who stood by awaiting their return, and we remain committed to finding answers for the families who continue to await the return of their missing and unaccounted-for loved ones. Thank you to America's servicemembers, veterans and their families for their extraordinary commitment to our country and to all those who work to ensure their return home.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO DR. CHERYL A. MCCONNELL

• Mr. FETTERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Cheryl A. McConnell on her historic inauguration as the 29th and first female president of Saint Joseph's University. She is to be inaugurated on September 8, 2023.

Since joining Saint Joseph's University 3 years ago, Dr. McConnell has served in integral roles as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. Her presidential inauguration is the result of an exceptional 35-year career in higher education.

As a first-generation college graduate and dedicated leader of Jesuit higher education, Dr. McConnell has demonstrated her commitment to learning and uplifting the next generation. Among her many accomplishments, she has created new, in-demand academic programs to expand Saint Joseph's University's impact throughout the greater Philadelphia community and has focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion to create a more robust and productive learning environment. Further, in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. McConnell's leadership was essential to the university's response to keep students, faculty, and staff healthy and safe.

I am proud that Saint Joseph's University has selected Dr. McConnell as its next president and know she will continue the university's commitment to academic excellence and service to generations of students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Cheryl A. McConnell on her historic inauguration and continuing her career in public service to students in Pennsylvania.●

## TRIBUTE TO SCOTT AZBELL

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, if you travel to Fort Payne, you would be stretched to find someone who doesn't know U.S. Air Force MSgt Scott Azbell. Scott joined the military just about as soon as he could, right after high school. He quickly became a skilled aircraft mechanic and training instructor.

He spent his entire 23-year enlistment during times of conflict, serving multiple deployments around the globe. His efforts ensured our aircraft were up to speed on the latest technology and on the advancements necessary for a strong defense.

Scott continues to serve this country, even in his retirement. After he retired, he retrained as a diesel mechanic for Fort Payne City Schools and also is actively involved in its JROTC Program, inspiring a spirit of service in the next generation.

He has used his skills as a mechanic to help countless folks in the community with car repairs throughout the years—not for attention, but because he wants to use his talents to be a blessing to others. Scott is also an active member of Fort Payne Church of Christ and serves as quartermaster for VFW Post 3128. He dedicates his time to supporting other veterans and their families. He has served as a regional spokesperson and coordinator for Wreaths Across America for the past 2 years. His work has helped ensure that we do not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

We are thankful for veterans like Scott who are committed to making Alabama a better place. I am proud to recognize him as the September Veteran of the Month.●

## TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MAGLOTHIN

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, our servicemembers put their lives on the line to preserve this Nation for generations to come. Many of them also hand down that ethic of service to their own children. That is certainly true of CW4 Chuck Magloth of Foley.

Chuck channeled his love of flying to serve in various aviation roles during his 25 years in the U.S. Army. He specialized in Blackhawk and Kiowa warrior helicopters, climbing the ranks to become an instructor pilot and maintenance examiner.

Chuck's bravery and expertise provided critical war support in the aftermath of 9/11. He was in one of the first groups to be deployed to Iraq. He went on to do three more combat tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2016, Chuck finished his time in the Army with more than 3,200 flight hours, most of which were in combat.