

to an agreement, and the government will remain open. We will have avoided a shutdown.

Bipartisanship, which has been the trademark of the Senate, has prevailed, and the American people can breathe a sigh of relief. But this is a bridge CR. Leader MCCONNELL and I have agreed to continue fighting for more economic and security aid for Ukraine. We support Ukraine's efforts to defend its sovereignty against Putin's aggression.

So thank you, thank you to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their excellent work. The bipartisanship here in the Senate set the tone for today's result, and I hope it sets the tone for the future.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, with just a few hours to spare, the Senate is now in a position to prevent a harmful and unnecessary government shutdown.

As I have said for weeks, the clearest path forward has been to pass a straightforward, short-term funding extension that gives us time to continue a number of important discussions about outstanding priorities, from securing supplemental relief for victims of natural disasters to restoring security and sanity at the southern border that the Biden administration has dragged into chaos, to putting stronger restraints on the President's reckless spending to supplying Ukraine with even more of the lethal assistance it needs to repel Russia's invasion.

On that particular point, most Senate Republicans remain committed to helping our friends on the frontlines, to investing more heavily in American strength that reinforces our allies, and deterring our top strategic adversary, China.

I am confident the Senate will pass further urgent assistance to Ukraine later this year. But let's be clear. The alternative to our action today, an entirely avoidable government shutdown, would not just pause our progress on these important priorities, it would actually set them back. And in the process, it would saddle the people we represent with unnecessary hardships.

So I am glad our colleagues in the House have taken action on a continuing resolution that keeps critical government functions going at their current rates of operation.

Passing this measure and keeping the lights on will allow us to return our attention to making headway on full-year appropriations our colleagues have been working on, literally, for months. And it will give us the flexibility to meet urgent supplemental priorities both at home and abroad.

Therefore, I would urge our colleagues to join me in supporting this important step in the right direction.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the third time.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON H.R. 5860

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 88, nays 9, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 247 Leg.]

YEAS—88

Baldwin	Grassley	Reed
Barrasso	Hassan	Ricketts
Bennet	Hawley	Risch
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Romney
Booker	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Boozman	Hirono	Rounds
Britt	Hoeven	Rubio
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Sanders
Budd	Johnson	Schatz
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Capito	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Cardin	Kennedy	Shahen
Carper	King	Sinema
Casey	Klobuchar	Smith
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lujan	Tester
Cooms	Lummis	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Markey	Tuberville
Cotton	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cramer	Menendez	Warner
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Daines	Moran	Warren
Duckworth	Mullin	Welch
Durbin	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Ernst	Murphy	Wicker
Fetterman	Murray	Wyden
Fischer	Ossoff	Young
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Graham	Peters	

NAYS—9

Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Braun	Lee	Schmitt
Cruz	Marshall	Vance

NOT VOTING—2

Scott (SC)	Stabenow
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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the passage of this bill, the bill is passed.

The bill (H.R. 5860) was passed.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, it has been a day full of twists and turns, but the American people can breathe a sigh of relief. There will be no government shutdown. Democrats have said from the start that the only solution for avoiding a shutdown is bipartisanship, and we are glad that Speaker MCCARTHY has finally heeded our message.

In the end, more Democrats supported this bill in the House than Republicans, proving bipartisanship was the best answer all along.

I want to thank my colleagues here in the Senate, especially our appropri-

ators, the Presiding Officer and SUSAN COLLINS and Leader MCCONNELL.

Our bipartisan work in the Senate set the tone for the bill we are about to pass. Our bipartisanship made this possible and showed the House that they had to act.

We will keep the government open for 45 days with a clean CR at current funding levels, and we avoided all of the extreme, nasty, and harmful cuts MAGA Republicans wanted. No 30 percent cuts across the board; no 30 percent cuts to things like healthcare, to the Social Security Administration, to the nutrition programs for kids; full reauthorization of the FAA until December 31; and the poison pill amendments, of which there were scores—MAGA-inspired riders—were all removed from the bill. After trying to take our government hostage, MAGA Republicans won nothing.

So one more time, it is good Speaker MCCARTHY finally—finally—heeded our message that bipartisanship was and is and remains the only way. He could have made this decision weeks ago.

Now, I have said from day one, this is a bridge CR, a temporary solution, not the final destination. We will not stop fighting for more economic and security assistance for Ukraine. Majorities in both parties support Ukraine aid, and doing more is vital for America's security and for democracy around the world. But this CR is still very good news for the American people.

Today, MAGA extremists have failed, bipartisanship has prevailed, and both parties have come together to avert a shutdown.

Once again, thank you to Leader MCCONNELL, Appropriations Chair PATTY MURRAY, Vice Chair SUSAN COLLINS, and Members on both sides of the aisle who came together.

Today's CR would not have been possible without the Senate's good work. The Senate showed that bipartisanship was the only way, and the same will be true again in 45 days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 319.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 Executive Calendar No. 319, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Charles E. Schumer, Robert Menendez, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher A. Coons, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard J. Durbin, Gary C. Peters, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher Murphy, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Edward J. Markey, Alex Padilla, Chris Van Hollen, Jeff Merkley, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 176.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brendan Abell Hurson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 Executive Calendar No. 176, Brendan Abell Hurson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Raphael G. Warnock, Mazie Hirono, Jeanne Shaheen, Elizabeth Warren, Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed, Mark Kelly, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Amy Klobuchar, Jeff Merkley, Alex Padilla, John Fetterman, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 264.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Susan Kim DeClercq, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ). The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 Executive Calendar No. 264, Susan Kim DeClercq, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Charles E. Schumer, Debbie Stabenow, 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.

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, September 30, be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 252 and 254; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Brendan Carr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2023 (Reappointment); and Geoffrey Adam Starks, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2022 (Reappointment)?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN465 AIR FORCE nomination of David M.P. Spitler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2023.

PN886 AIR FORCE nominations (7) beginning HEATHER A. BODWELL, and ending CHRISTIAN L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2023.

PN887 AIR FORCE nominations (28) beginning EGLON AUBYN ANGEL, and ending THOMAS H. WEST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2023.

PN889 AIR FORCE nomination of Martin J. Slovinsky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2023.

PN949 AIR FORCE nomination of Jason E. Little, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2023.

PN982 AIR FORCE nomination of Joanne M. Whitlock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 7, 2023.

PN983 AIR FORCE nomination of Freddy R. Orellana, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 7, 2023.

PN1030 AIR FORCE nomination of Melissa L. Hull, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2023.

PN1031 AIR FORCE nomination of Alicia C. Pallett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2023.

PN1033 AIR FORCE nomination of Joshua N. Young, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2023.

IN THE ARMY

PN401 ARMY nomination of Robert M. McTighe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2023.

PN402 ARMY nomination of Edward B. Sauter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2023.

PN403 ARMY nomination of Joan E. Sommers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2023.

PN508 ARMY nomination of Abraham N. Osborn, which was received by the Senate