

for political gain. They should not have to wait.

The bill would boost the incentive for research and development and throw a lifeline to small business owners who are worried about keeping their doors open right now. Those small business owners should not have to wait.

And, colleagues, it is just, to me, mind-boggling that the Senate would forego this opportunity to tackle fraud in the employee retention credit, which is the pandemic-era program the bill would shut down.

I sat with the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and heard the IRS Commissioner telling us that as much as 95 percent of these claims coming in were fraudulent or illegitimate. The IRS Commissioner agreed, when I asked him about this, that that was the number, during a meeting earlier this year.

This is the only bill on offer to shut down this firehose of fraud. It is unthinkable that the Senate would allow all this fraud to continue.

I have been doing a lot of town meetings at home. The reaction is always the same: People are just kind of slack-jawed at the idea that the Congress is actually on the verge of passing a bipartisan bill that would help a whole lot of families and businesses that every day walk an economic tightrope. At the same time, they just scratch their heads when I tell them that Senate Republicans have been holding it up.

It is time to get this done. If the Senate doesn't pass the bill, the soonest it will revisit these issues, in all likelihood, is late 2025. So, I would say that we have a bill that is going to help millions of Americans now. The alternative is to wait around for 18 months or longer. At that point, the Senate is going to have to deal with trillions of dollars in tax policies up in the air. It is not as simple as setting these issues aside for just a few months and then making some modest changes on the margins.

Today and now is the Senate's opportunity. Sixteen million kids and thousands of small businesses should not have to wait. It is time to get this bipartisan bill passed in the U.S. Senate.

I yield the floor.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Manglona nomination.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I rise today to speak in support of my motion to table the Ramona Manglona nomination.

My issue with the nominee at hand is not with the nominee at hand. In fact, she is quite well-qualified. She passed out of the Judiciary Committee, on

which I serve, with my support, by a vote in committee of 21 to 0. But the Senate should not be processing nominees right now. The Senate should be laser-focused, instead, on preparing for the trial for Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, whom the House impeached in February.

Instead of confirming yet another nominee, we should be considering and organizing a resolution to set up that trial, which we are constitutionally compelled to conduct. Unfortunately, that is not what we are doing. Instead, Senator SCHUMER is preparing to enact a nuclear option by tabling the Articles of Impeachment for the first time in American history. Senate Democrats want to avoid even examining the evidence presented against Mayorkas. We should not be going about business as usual while Senator SCHUMER prepares to nuke the Senate.

If this motion to table is successful, then with respect to Manglona, we could move to legislative business to consider an organizing resolution for the impeachment trial. I ask my colleagues for support.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

To that end, Madam President, I move to table the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, and 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. YOUNG).

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

The result was announced—yeas 39, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 125 Ex.]

YEAS—39

Barrasso	Fischer	Moran
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Paul
Britt	Hawley	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Cassidy	Kennedy	Rubio
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lummis	
Daines	Marshall	
Ernst	McConnell	

Sullivan Thune	Tillis Tuberville	Vance Wicker
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NAYS—50

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

NOT VOTING—11

Braun	Graham	Shaheen
Cotton	Hoeven	Sinema
Cramer	Risch	Young
Fetterman	Schmitt	

The motion was rejected.
(Mr. WHITEHOUSE assumed the Chair.)

(Mr. HEINRICH assumed the Chair.)

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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. 478, Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. (Reappointment)

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Mazie Hirono, Tina Smith, Gary C. Peters, Amy Klobuchar, Raphael G. Warnock, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

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 Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER),

the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Ex.]

YEAS—84

Baldwin	Grassley	Padilla
Barrasso	Hagerty	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Romney
Booker	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Boozman	Hirono	Rounds
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Brown	Johnson	Sanders
Budd	Kaine	Schatz
Butler	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Capito	King	Scott (SC)
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Lankford	Stabenow
Casey	Lee	Tester
Cassidy	Lujan	Thune
Collins	Lummis	Tillis
Coons	Markey	Tuberville
Cornyn	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Vance
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Cruz	Moran	Warren
Daines	Mullin	Welch
Duckworth	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Fischer	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Young

NAYS—3

Braun	Marshall	Sullivan
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NOT VOTING—13

Cotton	Hoeben	Shaheen
Cramer	Manchin	Sinema
Ernst	Paul	Warner
Fetterman	Risch	
Graham	Schmitt	

(Ms. HASSAN assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). On this vote, the yeas are 84, the nays are 3.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO ANN MILLER

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Ann Miller, a champion of labor, as she retires this month. Today happens to be—probably not entirely coincidentally—her birthday.

Ann has spent her entire career fighting for the dignity of work. She started off in this body working for Senator Edward Kennedy, a champion of workers and a friend and a mentor of mine.

I know Senator MURRAY, who is in front of me here, served on his committee for many, many years, and, as he did, she later chaired it.

It is clear Ann cares too. From the beginning of her career, Ann saw how important it is for representatives to understand labor and to stand up for workers.

After her time in the Senate, Ann moved to the Department of Labor, where she could continue her work. During a very intense time there at DOL, while family and medical leave was being implemented and increased minimum wage was secured, Ann was instrumental in that.

After 4 years, Ann moved to the AFL-CIO and then the Alliance for Re-

tired Americans. In every role and every job, the focus of her work was always fighting for workers.

She returned to the AFL-CIO in 2003, where she would spend the next 10 years. She pushed people running for office around the country to put workers at the center. She knew that was morally right. She also knew it was good politics to put workers at the center of what we do and how we campaign and how we carry out our jobs, from having a pro-labor platform to smaller suggestions like hosting events at union hotels. I know that the Presiding Officer from Minnesota does things like that. After election day, Ann held candidates to their promises. She kept them accountable to the interests of workers. Her colleagues called her the soul of the labor program.

It is clear Ann still understood the importance of having pro-labor and pro-worker representatives. She saw it when she started out in the Senate. She carried it through her whole career. It led Ann to the AFL-CIO and then ultimately to the IBEW, the electrical workers, where she has been an integral part of the legislative and political department for the past 10 years. She worked with an experienced staff of grassroots organizers and analysts and advocates. They have fought for the interests of IBEW's 820,000 members and retirees across different industries and fields. Ann had always been impressed by the IBEW members she met through her career and their willingness to stand up and be heard. It is fitting that the final chapter of her work life was spent fighting for them.

We have heard from those who worked alongside Ann. A highlight of her career was becoming a member of IBEW Local 121. With her union card, Ann joined the hundreds of thousands of workers across our country whom she has spent her career fighting for.

Today, as we see renewed energy and momentum in the labor movement, it is in part because of Ann and her work. Those who know Ann recognize her fearlessness and her tenacity. It is because of Ann, for instance—and I know that Senator SMITH and Senator MURRAY joined us in this—that we were able, with the CHIPS Act, to get a project labor agreement that means at least 7,000 union workers building that gargantuan plant, union workers across the board—electricians and carpenters and bricklayers and laborers and operating engineers and even roofers and carpenters and many others. When things get tough, Ann fights even harder for workers. She has instilled that same strength and determination in her staff.

She has emphasized the importance of building genuine relationships, whether it is with representatives or candidates or colleagues.

She cares for the people she worked alongside, never really looking for praise or accolades, just wanting to help.

She has been a mentor to many women in labor, particularly the build-

ing trades. The IBEW attracts more people of color and more women. Ann has been at the forefront, and she has been able to mentor so many of those women. She has fought to make it easier for women in the labor movement to rise through the ranks, easier than it was for her to do that.

We wish Ann well in this next chapter, filled with more time with her family, with Andy, and all. We thank her for an impressive career spent standing up for the dignity of work.

We recommit in this body to our own fight to ensure hard work pays off for everyone. You love this country; you fight for the people who make it work. She understands that.

TRIBUTE TO BILL SAMUEL

Madam President, I rise today, also, to honor Bill Samuel and congratulate him on a long career fighting for workers.

Bill dedicated his whole life to the labor movement. Early in his career, Bill served as a legislative representative for the National Treasury Employees Union and then for the American Federation of Government Employees. In both roles, Bill fought for Federal workers across different Agencies and Departments.

Bill went to Oberlin College in my State, not far from where I work, and the values that school holds up and shines a light upon have also affected Bill's work.

He went to work for the UMW and was instrumental in the fight for miners. Bill upheld the UMW's long legacy of fighting for better working conditions and better benefits, especially better healthcare.

He and I have talked about the pin I wear on my lapel. It was given to me at a worker's Memorial Day rally, some 20 years ago. It is a picture of a canary in a birdcage. The mine workers took the canary into the mines.

In those days, 120 years ago, the mine workers had no union strong enough to protect them and no government that cared enough to protect them. And Bill sees politics and sees the labor movement through the eyes of what that is all about.

Bill made a huge difference in their fight, working with Senator Rockefeller and former UMWA President Trumka. Miners risk their health to power our country. Many of them didn't have access to the healthcare they needed. It is something we know all too well in southeast Ohio and have fought to change.

Bill led the successful campaign to pass Federal legislation guaranteeing lifetime healthcare to more than 200,000 retired miners and their families. He fought to secure what miners had earned and deserved.

His advocacy made a difference for so many miners and so many families. Whether it was in the labor movement or in government, that fight for workers was always his North Star.

He worked at the Department of Labor, where he could carry out and