

Or Tracy Stone-Manning, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was literally a member of an ecoterrorist organization that spiked trees with metal rods to harm lumberjacks when they cut into the tree with a chain saw. She was confirmed.

Or Sam Brinton, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Nuclear Energy, who repeatedly stole women's luggage at airports while traveling on the taxpayers' dime. I didn't hear a peep from Democrats or the mainstream media about these disastrous picks.

So let me ask my colleagues this: If Democrats won the Senate, the House, and the White House, do you think a single Democrat would be going against KAMALA HARRIS nominations? Absolutely not. Senate Democrats would green-light every single one of KAMALA HARRIS's Cabinet picks without giving it a second thought.

That is their prerogative. Democrats, they get in line. That is what they do. They did it for Biden, and they would have done it for the Harris administration. And believe me, none of her Cabinet nominees or other high-level staff would be any more credentialed, qualified, or morally upright than President Biden's picks.

To my Republican colleagues, remember that the media hates Donald Trump—I think we all admit that—and they will do anything to sink his nominees and stop his agenda. The media will do everything it can to keep America from getting back on track. The media doesn't care when extreme leftists get important roles in a Democrat administration. They don't care. The media doesn't care when establishment figures from either political party gets jobs. The media only whips into a frenzy when an "America First" candidate gets the nod. The media only pretends to care about qualifications, credentials, and character when their power is being threatened.

So I encourage my Senate colleagues to listen to the media about as much as the American people did this election: not one bit. The mainstream media has been completely discredited after this election. Treat them as such.

We need to trust that President Trump is picking the right people for the job. That is his job. We should defer to him on who he thinks is the best for each position. Of course, we should review his nominations, as the Senate always does. That is our job. But don't forget that the American people gave us a mandate—gave us a mandate. Don't lose sight of the moment and critical situation that our country is presently in.

The American people don't want us infighting about nominees. We have a lot more to do than that. They want us focused, instead, on passing President Trump's agenda.

If his nominees can't do the job down the road, along with President Trump, we will be addressing that. I promise you that. But until then, we need to

support whomever President Trump wants on his team. Senate Republicans should be thanking President Trump for helping us take back the majority here on this floor in the Senate.

We have a country to save. No more playing games. I, for one, am playing for keeps. I encourage my colleagues to think the same way. Every single one of President Trump's Cabinet nominees should be confirmed. No question. We must save the United States from a total collapse at the hands of the globalist-socialist Democrats who have run our country into the ground for the last 4 years. I have personally witnessed it right here on this floor.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Washington.

NOMINATION OF REBECCA L. PENNELL

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I was very proud to recommend Judge Rebecca Pennell to serve as a U.S. district court judge in the Eastern District of Washington, and I was honored to introduce her at her confirmation hearing, where she demonstrated her extensive legal knowledge and deep commitment to making sure equal justice is there for all who come to her courtroom. I am thrilled to rise today to strongly urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for her confirmation.

I want to emphasize—especially for my colleagues across the aisle—that, just like the other nine Federal judges we have confirmed at my recommendation, Judge Pennell has been vetted and endorsed by my State's non-partisan judicial merit selection committee. This is a committee that is made up of both Democratic and Republican legal experts.

A review of Judge Pennell's record and the many letters of recommendation that came with her nomination make it easy to see why the committee put her name forward. In letter after letter, people from different perspectives—prosecutors, law enforcement officials, judges, and many others—described Judge Pennell with the same high praise: fair, insightful, professional, prepared. In other words, she is a qualified and deserving pick to entrust with upholding our Nation's laws and protecting our citizens' rights.

I am especially pleased to say that Judge Pennell's roots in Washington State run as deep as her impressive legal knowledge. She grew up in Richland, where her father worked at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. She attended the University of Washington, returned from Stanford Law to clerk for District Court Judge Whaley in Spokane, and has been an active and respected member of our State's legal community ever since.

It is important that we have a court system that delivers justice for everyone, not just the powerful and well connected. We have to make sure every person has their rights protected and no person is above the law. That requires a judge who carefully reviews each case on its merits, shows a deep

understanding of the law and respect for everyone who appears before them, and appreciates how their decisions will affect the lives of people across Washington State. Some of the best and brightest legal minds in Washington State have made clear they think Judge Pennell is exactly that kind of judge. And having viewed her record, I completely agree and strongly urge my colleagues to join me in voting to confirm her.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF SARAH FRENCH RUSSELL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Sarah F. Russell to the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Born in Boston, MA, Russell earned her B.A., magna cum laude, at Yale College in 1998 and her J.D. at Yale Law School in 2002. After graduating from law school, Russell served as a law clerk to the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York from 2002 to 2003 and the Honorable Chester J. Straub on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals from 2003 to 2005. Russell then served as an assistant Federal public defender between 2005 and 2007 in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Connecticut. In this role, she tried five jury trials to verdict. She then served as director of the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program, lecturer in law, and associate research scholar in law at Yale Law School from 2007 to 2010.

Since 2011, Russell has taught law at the Quinnipiac University School of Law in various roles, including most recently as a professor of law and the director of the legal clinic. Russell's scholarship has primarily centered on topics related to juvenile justice.

The American Bar Association rated Russell as "well qualified," and her nomination is strongly supported by her home State Senators, Mr. BLUMENTHAL and Mr. MURPHY.

Russell is an academic and former Federal public defender whose litigation experience and deep commitment to equal justice will be an asset to the District of Connecticut.

I am proud to support her nomination.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COONS. I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote occur immediately.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON RUSSELL NOMINATION

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

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

The ACTING 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—6

Braun	Cruz	Rubio
Cramer	Hagerty	Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). 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.

The Senator from Washington.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the cloture motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 assistant bill clerk read as follows:

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. 651, Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, and Brian Schatz.

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 Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, 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 West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—42

Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Cassidy	Kennedy	Schmitt
Collins	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lummis	Sullivan
Crapo	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tillis
Ernst	Moran	Tuberville
Fischer	Mullin	Young

NOT VOTING—8

Braun	Hagerty	Vance
Cramer	Manchin	Wicker
Cruz	Rubio	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 42.

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 Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills, en bloc: Calendar No. 451, S. 2546; Calendar No. 452, S. 3946; Calendar No. 453, S. 4077; Calendar No. 454, H.R. 599; Calendar No. 455, H.R. 1060; Calendar No. 456, H.R. 1098; Calendar No. 458, H.R. 3608; Calendar No. 459, H.R. 3728; Calendar No. 460, H.R. 5476; Calendar No. 461, H.R. 5640; Calendar No. 462, H.R. 5712; Calendar No. 463, H.R. 5985; Calendar No. 464, H.R. 6073; Calendar No. 465, H.R. 6651; Calendar No. 466, H.R. 7192; Calendar No. 467, H.R. 7199; and Calendar No. 468, H.R. 7423.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Mr. CASSIDY. I ask unanimous consent that the bills, en bloc, be considered read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The bills considered and passed, en bloc, are as follows:

JIM KOLBE MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 2546) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office" was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2546

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JIM KOLBE MEMORIAL POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, shall be known and designated as the "Jim Kolbe Memorial Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to