

my constituents when the President goes on bended knee to Venezuela, to Iran, and won't sanction them at all. Does that make sense? No. But that is the world that we watched and dealt with over the last 4 years. I am quite confident that the incoming Trump administration is not going to do that anymore.

Stand by, Iran. Maximum sanctions are coming back your way. Maximum pressure is coming back your way. And I am also very confident that the Trump administration, with a Republican Senate and a Republican House, is going to help the State of Alaska, which has more critical minerals and oil and gas than almost anyplace in the world, to once again produce for the benefit of Alaskans, for the benefit of Americans, and the benefit of our allies.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF ANTHONY J. BRINDISI

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Anthony Brindisi to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Born in New Hartford, NY, Judge Brindisi received his B.A. from Siena College and his J.D. from Albany Law School. After law school, he joined Brindisi, Murad & Brindisi Pearlman, LLP as an associate in Utica. He was a partner at the law firm from 2008 to 2014 and again from 2021 to 2022. He also served as of counsel from 2014 to 2018. As a practicing attorney, he handled primarily civil litigation matters and specialized in personal injury cases.

From 2011 to 2019, Judge Brindisi represented district 119, which includes the Utica and Rome region, in the New York State Assembly. He served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 2019 to 2021, representing New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Since 2022, Judge Brindisi has served as a judge on the New York State Court of Claims in Utica. In this role, he hears civil claims from an eight-county region across central and northern New York. Judge Brindisi has also served as an acting supreme court justice in Oneida County since the beginning of 2024. Over the course of his judicial career, he has presided over 37 cases that have gone to verdict or judgment.

Judge Brindisi has deep ties to the Northern District of New York. He enjoys the strong support of both of his home State Senators, Mr. SCHUMER and Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and the American Bar Association unanimously rated him as "qualified" to serve on the district court.

Judge Brindisi's background as a litigator, public servant, and State court judge ensures that he will be an asset to the district court. I am proud to support his nomination, and I ask my colleagues to join me.

VOTE ON BRINDISI NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I know of no further debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Brindisi nomination?

Mrs. SHAHEEN. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 310 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—49

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

NOT VOTING—1

Sinema

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.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

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. 843, Elizabeth C. Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Ben Ray Lujan, Patty Murray, Alex Padilla, Peter Welch, Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher A. Coons, Debbie Stabenow, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine.

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 Elizabeth C. Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, 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 Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 311 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—2

Sinema Vance

(Ms. BALDWIN assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 46.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Elizabeth C.

Coombe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all postcloture time on the Coombe nomination be considered expired at 5:30 p.m.; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked on the Davenport nomination, the confirmation vote occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader on Thursday, December 5; further, that during Thursday's session of the Senate, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate vote on the Johnson and Neary cloture motions in the order in which cloture was filed; further, that if cloture is invoked on any of the above nominations, all postcloture time be considered expired, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader no earlier than Monday, December 9; further, that the mandatory quorum calls for the above cloture motions be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE STABENOW

Mr. SCHUMER. So, Madam President, one of our dearest and greatest Senators is giving her farewell speech. I look forward to hearing it.

Debbie, we love you. You have been a great Senator. We will miss you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

FAREWELL TO THE SENATE

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, first of all, I have to say, wouldn't you know I would get laryngitis, and for somebody who is in elected office, we know that that is not a good thing, so please bear with me; and I want to thank Chuck so much for his comments this morning and for being a dear friend.

Today is bittersweet for me, standing here on the floor of the U.S. Senate, making my last speech—my last major speech.

So many of my staff from Michigan have traveled to be here as well as staff members who have worked for me in DC over the years. I am truly overwhelmed that over 100 Michigan and DC staff are here in the Galleries and on the floor, and family and friends who were not able to fly in today are watching on C-SPAN.

As we come back from Thanksgiving, I am filled with so much gratitude and respect as I think back over my years in public service. I am thinking about the incredible number of people who have supported me and contributed in so many ways to my success—from my

family, my staff, my colleagues, and, of course, the people of Michigan who have put their trust in me for over 50 years—I started when I was 5—

(Laughter.)

—from Ingham County commissioner to State legislator to U.S. Senator.

Michigan, you will always be in my heart. Today is about recognizing all of you.

As some of you know, I lost my mom just a week ago. I suspect she is tuning in from Heaven's version of C-SPAN right now, watching me, listening, just as she has always been watching and supporting me my whole life. Mom not only lived a long life—98 years of age—but a rich and meaningful one. Her hard work, her kindness, her strength, and her loyalty were a true gift to me, to my brothers, to my children, to my whole family.

There are always unsung heroes in every story, and I want to start with mine, and that is my family: my son Todd; my daughter Michelle; my daughter-in-law Sara; my son-in-law Scott; and my five incredibly talented and amazing grandchildren. They are the most talented grandchildren we have ever seen: Ari, Willow, Avery, Everett, and Violet.

My mom and my kids have all appeared in many campaign ads over the years. Even my brothers, Lynn and Lee, starred in an acclaimed closing ad that caused me to beat an incumbent Republican to first be elected to the U.S. House.

When my kids were young, they, too, broke down barriers. Todd was born when I was a county commissioner. Michelle was born when I was a State representative. It was a first in Michigan for a legislator to be pregnant and have a baby while in office. I remember a very pregnant me opening baby shower gifts in one of our statehouse committee rooms. Most of my male colleagues didn't know what to buy for a baby shower so I got a lot of stuffed animals.

My family members have marched in countless parades, attended thousands of events with me, and planned birthday parties and holidays around the legislative calendar. They have sacrificed their time and, in many cases, their personal privacy. Through thick and thin, they have always been there for me, and I am incredibly grateful.

I love you all so much.

My family story has inspired my work as an elected official.

I grew up in Clare, MI, where my mom was the director of nursing at our small rural hospital. This sparked my lifelong interest in healthcare. As a 24-year-old grad student at Michigan State University, I led an effort to save Ingham County's medical care facility from closure. It was the only nursing home that served low-income seniors at the time. I had never been involved in politics before, but I knew it was wrong to close that facility. We stopped the Ingham County Board of Commissioners from closing this crit-

ical service, and I was encouraged to run for county commissioner because I lived in the district of the commissioner who tried to close the nursing home. I ran against him. He called me "that young broad" and the young broad beat him and, as they say, the rest is "herstory."

Healthcare remained a top priority for me from those early days to today. Today, I am proud and grateful that more people in America have access to home healthcare, to hospice services, and to lower prescription drug pricing, in part, because of my work. Medicare, Medicaid, and community health centers provide stronger foundations for care for millions of Americans.

I was a new member of the Senate's Finance Committee when President Obama made healthcare reform his top priority. I was excited to be involved in every part of passing the Affordable Care Act, making sure that maternity care and mental health services and addiction treatment were all part of the new law. I spent a tremendous amount of time focusing on the affordability of the new healthcare system and was successful in bringing down the amount that individuals would have to pay for coverage. I considered it a badge of honor during the final vote in committee when then-Chairman Baucus turned to me and said: "Here we have Senator Affordability."

My first viral moment as an elected official on social media happened during the debate on the Affordable Care Act, and my great friend AMY KLOBUCHAR has often told this story. When Senator Kyl from Arizona argued against including maternity care as basic coverage by stating that he did not need maternity care, I told him: "Yes, but I bet your mom did." The public outcry that happened after that helped ensure to this day that maternity care is part of the Affordable Care Act.

There has been no healthcare issue more profoundly influenced by my own family's life and experience than the issue of mental health. My father had a bipolar disorder that went undiagnosed for many years, like for so many people. Our lives were changed when the drug lithium became available, and my dad had the support he needed to manage his disease and move forward with his life. I saw what happened when someone did not get the help they needed, and I saw what happened when they did.

This experience fueled my passion to reduce the stigma of mental health and mental illness, and as I have often said, we need to treat healthcare above the neck the same as healthcare below the neck. I worked on this issue in the early days of my career, chairing the Mental Health Committee in the Michigan House of Representatives. Later, I was honored to team up with Senator Roy Blunt for a 10-year effort to transform how we fund mental health and addiction services. This has been my passion and my most meaningful achievement.