

we simply won't have the ability to keep up with current electricity demand. Add charging for hundreds of thousands or millions of electric vehicles on top of that, and we could be looking at a future of widespread blackouts and brownouts—to say nothing of soaring electricity prices.

Just look at California, which has been a leader in implementing the kind of Green New Deal policies the President wants to impose nationwide. A recent article noted:

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And let me just repeat that, Mr. President:

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Americans have already faced a substantial increase in energy prices under President Biden. Gas prices alone are up 33 percent since President Biden took office. But if the President succeeds in fully implementing his Green New Deal visions, today's gas and utility prices may look cheap compared to the energy prices Americans will face in the future.

In his 3 years in office, President Biden has built an energy record that threatens to do long-term damage to America's energy security, and with 8 months to go until the election and more environmentalists on TikTok to attempt to satisfy, I am worried that the President's liquefied natural gas decision won't be the last terrible energy decision we see from the White House in 2024.

#### NOMINATION OF JACQUELINE BECERRA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Judge Jacqueline Becerra to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

A Miami native, Judge Jacqueline Becerra's experience in both criminal and civil matters has prepared her to serve with distinction on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

After receiving her B.A. from the University of Miami in 1991 and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1994, Judge Becerra began her legal career through the U.S. Department of Justice's Honors Program, where she served as a trial attorney in the Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch.

Following her work at DOJ, she became an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and served in the office's misdemeanor, grand jury, and general felony units. In 1999, Judge Becerra joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. There, she served in the narcotics section and as special counsel to the U.S. Attorney.

In 2004, Judge Becerra joined Greenberg Traurig, P.A., as a shareholder, where much of her work centered on

commercial disputes, arbitrations, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations and compliance work. She also served as cochair of the firm's Global White-Collar Defense and Investigations Practice and cochair of the Women's Initiative.

In 2019, Judge Becerra was appointed by the district judges of the Southern District of Florida to serve as a U.S. magistrate judge. In this role, she has presided over four civil trials and issued more than 1,100 orders and reports and recommendations.

She was also unanimously rated "well qualified" by the ABA, and Senators RUBIO and SCOTT both returned positive blue slips.

With strong ties to the State of Florida, Judge Becerra's experience in public service, private practice, and as a magistrate judge have prepared her to join the Southern District of Florida as a district judge.

I am proud to support her nomination and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. THUNE. I yield the floor.

#### VOTE ON BECERRA NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PADILLA). Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Becerra nomination?

Ms. BALDWIN. 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) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 56, nays 40, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 50 Ex.]

##### YEAS—56

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

##### NAYS—40

Barrasso	Britt	Cornyn
Blackburn	Budd	Cotton
Boozman	Capito	Cramer
Braun	Cassidy	Cruz

Daines	Lankford	Schmitt
Ernst	Lee	Scott (SC)
Fischer	Lummis	Sullivan
Grassley	Marshall	Thune
Hagerty	McConnell	Tuberville
Hawley	Moran	Vance
Hoeben	Mullin	Wicker
Hyde-Smith	Paul	Young
Johnson	Risch	
Kennedy	Romney	

#### NOT VOTING—4

Crapo	Ricketts
Fetterman	Tillis

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon 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 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. 470, David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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 David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 64, nays 33, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 51 Ex.]

##### YEAS—64

Baldwin	Cardin	Duckworth
Bennet	Carper	Durbin
Blumenthal	Casey	Ernst
Booker	Collins	Fetterman
Brown	Coons	Gillibrand
Butler	Cornyn	Graham
Cantwell	Cortez Masto	Grassley

Hassan	Murkowski	Shaheen
Heinrich	Murphy	Sinema
Hickenlooper	Murray	Smith
Hirono	Ossoff	Stabenow
Kaine	Padilla	Tester
Kelly	Peters	Van Hollen
Kennedy	Reed	Warner
King	Romney	Warnock
Klobuchar	Rosen	Warren
Lujan	Rounds	Welch
Lummis	Rubio	Whitehouse
Manchin	Sanders	Wyden
Markey	Schatz	Young
Menendez	Schumer	
Merkley	Scott (FL)	

## NAYS—33

Barrasso	Daines	Moran
Blackburn	Fischer	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Paul
Braun	Hawley	Risch
Britt	Hoeben	Schmitt
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Scott (SC)
Capito	Johnson	Sullivan
Cassidy	Lankford	Thune
Cotton	Lee	Tuberville
Cramer	Marshall	Vance
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker

## NOT VOTING—3

Crapo	Ricketts	Tillis
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(Mr. OSSOFF assumed the Chair.)  
(Mr. HICKENLOOPER assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJAN). On this vote, the yeas are 64, the nays are 33.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent—

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:18 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. LUJAN).

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

## NOMINATION OF DAVID SEYMOUR LEIBOWITZ

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm David Leibowitz to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Born in Miami, Mr. Leibowitz received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, his Ph.D. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. After law school, he clerked for Associate Justice Robert G. Flanders, Jr., on the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. He then worked as an assistant district attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in Cambridge, MA.

From 2003 to 2012, Mr. Leibowitz served as an assistant U.S. attorney in

the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. In that role, he investigated and prosecuted various Federal crimes at all stages, including racketeering, murder, terrorism, and insider trading. Since 2012, he has worked for Braman Management Association in Miami. During his tenure as secretary and general counsel, Mr. Leibowitz was the organization's chief legal officer responsible for all litigation, compliance, licensing, human resource management, and transactional work. Over the course of his career, he has tried 10 cases to verdict, all of which were jury trials in Federal court.

The American Bar Association unanimously rated Mr. Leibowitz "well qualified" to serve as a district judge, and he enjoys the support of both of his home State Senators, Mr. RUBIO and Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Leibowitz's strong ties to the Southern District of Florida and his significant litigation background in both civil and criminal matters ensure that he will be an asset to the district court. I support his nomination, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

## VOTE ON LEIBOWITZ NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Leibowitz nomination?

Mr. LANKFORD. 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 64, nays 33, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 52 Ex.]

## YEAS—64

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rubio
Booker	Kaine	Sanders
Brown	Kelly	Schatz
Butler	Kennedy	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Scott (FL)
Cardin	Klobuchar	Scott (FL)
Carper	Lujan	Shaheen
Casey	Lummis	Sinema
Collins	Manchin	Smith
Coons	Markey	Stabenow
Cornyn	Menendez	Tester
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murkowski	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Ernst	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Graham	Peters	Wyden
Grassley	Reed	Young
Hassan	Romney	

## NAYS—33

Barrasso	Boozman	Britt
Blackburn	Braun	Budd

Capito	Hoeben	Paul
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cotton	Johnson	Schmitt
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (SC)
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Daines	Marshall	Thune
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## NOT VOTING—3

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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 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. 455, Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Charles E. Schumer, John W. Hickenlooper, Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Baldwin, Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Laphonza Butler, Richard J. Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeff Merkley, Peter Welch, Gary C. Peters.

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 Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "nay."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 53 Ex.]

## YEAS—51

Baldwin	Casey	Hickenlooper
Bennet	Coons	Hirono
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Kaine
Booker	Duckworth	Kelly
Brown	Durbin	King
Butler	Fetterman	Klobuchar
Cantwell	Gillibrand	Lujan
Cardin	Hassan	Manchin
Carper	Heinrich	Markey