

The conditions coming up into Eagle Island were described as some of the worst. Actually, the terms that were used were not ones that I am going to share on the floor here, but it was a pretty tough trail, hard conditions on everyone.

But then, moving back to Kaltag and coming along here, across Norton Sound, an 8-hour stop here, just out of Nome, in safety, and Jesse Holmes, again, came under the burlled arch at 2:55 a.m., this morning, with 10 dogs in harness.

His lead dogs were Polar and—gosh, who was the other? It was Polar and—I have got to find it here because you got to remember. You have got to acknowledge the names of your dogs because it is the dogs themselves that make sure that you come across safely and with honor.

I can remember Polar, and I can't remember the name of the other dog.

Hercules. Hercules and Polar. I mean isn't that appropriate for your lead dogs that are taking you over 1,100 miles. It is a herculean effort. So it is, indeed, something that we as Alaskans look on with great pride each and every year.

It is a test of endurance of the animals, certainly. It is a test of endurance for the mushers themselves.

Keep in mind, when they set out, on the 3rd of March—that is when they left out of Fairbanks—you are moving. You are moving day and night, although for most of the mushers, they actually prefer to mush at night, when it is cold, because the conditions are actually easier on the dogs so that the dogs don't get overheated.

But it is not like you are checking into a roadhouse or checking into a hotel. When you stop, you are literally getting bales of straw that you have had airdropped to a location. You are putting the straw out as bedding for your dogs. You are tending to your animals. And what I mean by "tending to them"—I mean that is feeding them, that is watering them, that is taking their booties off, that is massaging their feet, that is massaging their muscles, that is working your dogs to get them in shape to run, before you can pause and heat up a pot of stew over your kerosene burner.

Think about what it means to melt snow—enough snow—to water 10 to 14 dogs that have been running miles and miles and miles.

So the effort there is physical endurance—physical endurance, most certainly—but also mental endurance because when you are just head down, running into the wind, taking on conditions that look the same as you have seen for the past 17 miles, because you are running down the width of the wide-open river or going through tussocks and hillocks and a trail that is just so rough and jerky that you have got to stay mentally awake. You have got to be physically on target. But it is hard in every sense of the word.

And so there is an appreciation for the athletes, both human but particularly the dogs themselves. This is not something where you can have a strategy and say: I am going to run for the next 43 miles, and I am going to rest my dogs for 4 hours, and then we are going to move on.

If you are a musher that is a winning musher and a safe musher, you can only go so far as your dogs will tell you. And when the dogs say it is time to take a pause, you know it is time to take a pause.

The third place, the individual who is going to come in third, Paige Drobny here, had a comment just yesterday. She says she has to make sure that she is watching what her dogs say. And when the dogs give her the look that says, "We are not with the CEO right now," she knows and she says, I am listening to them. I have to make sure that they trust me just as I am trusting them. So there is a relationship that is extraordinary when you think about the humans and the canines teaming together.

We have Jessie Holmes, who came in first; Matt Hall has come in second—he is already a known; and Paige Drobny is well on her way in. But every single one of these mushers is a winner. Every single 1 of these 33 teams are winners, and those dogs remind us of that.

People have asked me: What do you get if you win the Iditarod? If this is something that mushers train for day in and day out of each year, there must be some big grand prize. Well, this year, the prize is \$52,000, I believe, the total sum was. In addition to that, Jessie Holmes has won several other acknowledgements as he has entered different checkpoints ahead of the rest of the pack here. His winnings, in addition to the first-place finish, totaled \$4,500 in cash on top of what he is receiving, \$4,500 in gold nuggets, 25 pounds of fresh Bristol Bay salmon, and multiple trophies to commemorate each event. It is not just about the money; it is not just about the accomplishment, but getting some good old Bristol Bay salmon is also not a bad way to be recognized.

A little bit about our first-place winner this year, Jessie Holmes. I was able to share this with my colleague from Alabama. Jessie Holmes hails from Alabama. Alabama is a far piece from Alaska. The temperatures are a little bit different. But Jessie came to Alaska in 2004. He has been there ever since. He fell in love with Alaska. He found running dogs on a remote track line along the Yukon River was a lifestyle he wanted to adopt, and he has embraced it.

Some of you may recognize the name. He was a regular, between 2015 to 2023, on the Alaska reality TV show "Life Below Zero." Maybe some of the people follow "Life Below Zero." A lot of you follow Alaska reality TV shows.

Let me tell you, Jessie Holmes is the real deal. You may see him on reality TV, but he is the real deal. He has

raced in the Iditarod every year since 2018. He placed seventh then as a first-time runner and became the 2018 Iditarod Rookie of the Year. So this guy has just been cruising. He has placed in the top 10 now five times. Again, an extraordinary musher, but a gentleman who has been proving his worth all along for years now, and we are just honored to be able to congratulate him.

This race is one that my colleagues know I get excited about it. This is March Madness, I know, but for us, it is also about the excitement that comes with this amazing race. It is a reminder to us that Alaska is a place that does not yield to those who are unprepared. It rewards those who respect it, who understand its power, and who find strength when faced with some pretty impossible obstacles.

Most people would say it is impossible to run 1,128 miles on a dog sled across these conditions. But the Iditarod is a living tribute to the pioneer spirit and a reminder that hardships are not something to be feared but just faced with courage—just run into the storm.

I want to recognize the values that it upholds: The perseverance in the face of adversity, the partnership that transcends words, and really the unbreakable will to keep it going no matter what the storm is. I wanted to share that with colleagues.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. President, before I conclude my time here on the floor, I just want to acknowledge the place that we are at here today on the 14th of March, a day that we have seen coming, not just on the calendar, but we here in the Congress have known that this is the day that our continuing resolution was going to run out, the clock runs, and we had a choice.

We have a choice we have to make. That choice is: Does the government shut down at 11:59 tonight or do we keep it open? And I think most of us would say a shutdown is never ever a good idea. But you want to be able to have an option that is tenable.

I stood here earlier this week, and I described what a Morton's fork is. It is a phrase that basically refers to a choice between two equally untenable positions. That is exactly where we are. We have two equally untenable positions, in my view. We have a shutdown, which we cannot do, and we have a long-term CR in front of us, meaning a continuing resolution that continues the operations of the government until the 30th of September.

People would say that is good. But it doesn't allow for the good work that those of us that have tried to shepherd the appropriations bills through this process—it doesn't allow for that direction from the Congress. It basically continues fiscal year 2024 levels but without the parameters that the Congress, that we have directed—not just those of us on the Appropriations Committee but along with all of our colleagues.

I don't like—I do not like—a long-term continuing resolution. If we had had the ability to move our appropriations bills through the floor as we should have, as we set ourselves up to do, but as we were not allowed to do. We were not able to bring those completed appropriations bills—even though the vast majority of them were not only bipartisan but overwhelmingly supported through the committee—and the Democratic leader didn't bring them to the floor. It didn't happen. So we didn't have the chance to finish our work.

We need to be able to make sure that the work that we do here is concluded. Why? Because that is the responsibility that we have as Members of Congress. This is our job. This is our job under the Constitution. It is not the executive's; it is not the President's; it is our job.

If we had had the ability to have a short-term CR to just give us a little more room to finish these up, that could have given us a better option. It could have given us a third option that would have been tenable. But my colleague, the chairman now of the Appropriations Committee, working with her ranking member, tried to get us to that place, multiple offers were extended. We didn't get there, and that is a shame. It is a shame because it puts us, again, in a place where we have two untenable, equally untenable, choices in front of us.

I am reluctant—I am very reluctant—to support a long-term CR. I do not like the fact that it gives the executive branch the authority that we own as Members of Congress when it comes to defining spending priorities. But I also cannot—I cannot—be part of anything that ultimately shuts this government down. I have been in the Senate for a long while now. I have never voted to go into a government shutdown. In fact, I have been, along with my colleague, engaged in many of those ventures where once the shutdown happened, we were scurrying to try to find ways to avoid extending it because the danger to our governmental functions and our operations, the harm that it brings to good individuals, is simply not worth it.

We are in a bad place. We are in a bad place. It is a place that I regret. But I can tell you, for one, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I want us to be able to do our work, and I want to be able to see our work completed, voted on, and then signed into law as the American people expect us to do.

I see that my friend from Maine and the chairman of this great committee that we are going to make sure is able to do its work is here. I yield to her.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. I want to thank the Senator from Alaska, who is an extraordinarily talented leader on the Appropriations Committee, for her comments.

Mr. President, I rise to urge passage of this funding measure to prevent an unnecessary, harmful, and costly government shutdown at midnight tonight.

Government shutdowns are inherently a failure to govern effectively and have negative consequences all across government. They inevitably require certain government employees, such as Border Patrol agents, members of our military and Coast Guard, TSA screeners, and air traffic controllers, to report to work with no certainty at all on when they will receive their next paycheck. That is just unfair.

Shutdowns also put critical investments in our national defense on hold. Training exercises would be limited, which could hurt our Nation's readiness. New programs would be paused, delaying new capabilities from getting to our warfighters. That is why we have always, in the past, avoided CRs for the Department of Defense. At our borders, the men and women performing vital law enforcement activities would have to do so without pay and without the assistance of support staff, putting more pressure on front-line operators.

Other harmful potential impacts include curtailed operations to the Veterans Benefits Administration, resulting in the closure of education and GI bill call centers and the suspension of career counseling and transition assistance for our veterans; the closure of our wonderful national parks to visitors; increased travel delays as the onboarding of additional TSA agents would stall, and some FAA employees would face furloughs; and costly delays for projects at the Army Corps of Engineers and critical water infrastructure projects.

That is just a very partial list of the harm that would be done from a government shutdown. This unfortunate situation that we are in with a continuing resolution should, however, have been avoided. The Senate should have finished these bills last year. I called for that repeatedly, as did many other Members.

Senator MURRAY and I worked as a team, provided leadership, consulted with the members of our Senate Appropriations Committee. Each of us worked so hard to report 11 of the 12 bills with overwhelming bipartisan support, including 6 which came out of our committee unanimously. Unfortunately, these bipartisan bills languished on the calendar for months, never being brought to the floor for consideration.

This decision by the then-Senate majority leader denied Senators the opportunity to debate and amend our reported bills and denied the House and the Senate the chance to go to conference and work out the differences among the bills. Similarly, attempts since January by House Chairman TOM COLE and I to reach agreement with our Democratic counterparts regrettably were not successful, despite my

making five good-faith offers. Now that opportunity is gone. A yearlong CR is, by no means, my first choice, but our focus now, given where we are, must be on preventing a government shutdown.

For the most part, this is a straightforward CR that simply continues fiscal year 2024 funding levels. Now, it does include—and this is important—a number of needed anomalies that are aimed at addressing pressing needs.

For example, the CR realigns funding in the appropriations accounts for the Department of Defense to meet current global threats and covers the cost of pay raises for junior enlisted personnel.

It provides increased funding for housing assistance and for what is known as the WIC Program—for Women, Infants, and Children—to maintain support for these vulnerable families.

Within the Department of Homeland Security, the continuing resolution includes targeted increases to support ICE operations, to avoid furloughs of TSA airport screeners, and to fund much needed pay raises for members of our Coast Guard.

It also includes increased funding for the FAA so that more air traffic controllers can be hired to make our Nation's airspace safer.

We can delay no longer. It is essential that the continuing resolution be adopted today in order to prevent a harmful government shutdown. I urge its adoption. Let each and every one of us here commit to working together on the fiscal year 2026 budget so that we can enact appropriations bills prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. MOODY). The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to complete my remarks before the vote.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I have made no secret of my opposition to this bill. For weeks, I have been warning about the real dangers of a yearlong CR like the one that has come before us from the House Republicans. But before I talk about those dangers and why I will be voting no on cloture and on final passage, I want my colleagues to hear what I have to say, but I do hope that they will join me in voting no.

I want to talk for a moment about how we did get here because I fear some Members of the Republican leadership may need a history lesson. The fact of the matter is, the only reason we are staring down a shutdown deadline halfway into this fiscal year is that the House Republicans decided to kick the can down the road with a major punt and because they have repeatedly walked away from the table. This is just a historical record. We were all here for it. We saw what happened. Perhaps it is worth ticking through once more because I will admit it can get easy to lose track of all that has happened over the last few months

and just how many times House Republicans have made a deal just to break it in recent years. So I want to give a refresher. It has been a while since my time as a preschool teacher, but I guess school is back in session because I am not going to let anyone get away with ignoring how Republicans forced us to the edge of a shutdown today.

Remember, last year, after a bruising fiscal year 2024 process in which House Republicans made one ridiculous demand after the next and caused one delay after the other, as Appropriations chair, I worked hard alongside my colleagues, including Senator COLLINS, who is here today, within our committee to write and pass serious bipartisan spending bills for this current fiscal year. It was no easy feat. We had fewer resources at our disposal to make use of, and we had even more challenges to address, but we managed to work together—Senator COLLINS and I and our committee members—and we cleared all but one of our bills overwhelmingly in committee, and many of those bills cleared on unanimous votes.

Then, come November, after the election, I was pushing very hard to get our funding bills done and wrapped up by the end of the year. My Democratic colleagues and even many of my Republican colleagues wanted to get that done, but Speaker JOHNSON and Trump chose to kick the can down the road. They chose to. Trump reportedly wanted to make sure his fingerprints were on our spending bills for this fiscal year. The Speaker not only wanted to, of course, please Trump, but he was worried about how a messy funding fight might complicate his path to becoming Speaker again. So the decision was made, and Speaker JOHNSON punted from December to March.

Then we negotiated a bipartisan CR to fund the government through March 14, today. Along with that, we passed disaster relief, and we extended critical laws. We reached a bipartisan-bicameral deal. Then House Republicans walked away and blew that deal up at the last minute. Why? I will tell you—because the richest man in the world sent a bunch of completely inaccurate tweets, and instead of saying, “Do you know what? Actually, Elon, you have no clue what you are talking about. These are programs that help my constituents,” House Republicans said, “Let’s put this guy in charge.” They killed that bipartisan agreement, rolled out an altogether different bill not long thereafter and punted on government funding.

That is what happened, and that is essentially what they have been doing ever since—cheering and clapping as Trump and Elon got basic facts wrong, broke laws, blocked funding that our communities needed, dismantled entire Agencies, fired veterans, shuttered our Social Security offices, and broke government to enrich themselves.

While Trump and Republican leadership were fixating on whether they would pass one bill or two for their

plan to gut healthcare for kids and to pass more tax cuts for billionaires, a fast approaching deadline was on its way to us, the one that is here now.

For the next several months, I have remained at the table, ready to negotiate funding bills. I and my Democratic counterpart in the House, ROSA DELAURO, never left the table—not once. We made offer after offer as did our Republican counterparts. My top priority has been and continues to be doing what we do, what we do every year—every year—which is passing full-year funding bills with the detailed directives that we include in our spending laws every year. I have wanted to make sure we continue to provide those and make sure that our constituents’ voices are heard—that they are heard in Federal funding—which, I have to say, this CR fails to do.

Instead of working with us in good faith to fund the government in a bipartisan way, Speaker JOHNSON and Republican leadership walked away and started working on a Republican funding bill without an ounce—not an ounce—of Democratic input. I remained at the table. My counterparts on Appropriations and I continued to talk, to keep the ball rolling. By the end of last week, for all intents and purposes, we had an agreement on topline funding, but the call had already been made. JOHNSON was in on it. Trump was in on it. Russ Vought was in on it. JOHNSON decided: Instead of talking with Democrats, it would be easier to have Trump get on the phone and scream and bully House Republicans into submission. He figured, if outright intimidation from Trump was enough to convince every Republican to vote for a budget resolution that will cut Medicaid for seniors and kids, then it might also be enough for them to pass a Republican CR, especially if Trump threatened dissenters with political retribution, which, of course, he did. That is the bill they rolled out on Saturday and passed earlier this week.

Now, as I have laid out in depth, the yearlong CR that House Republicans sent our way hands a blank check to Elon Musk and Donald Trump to decide how our constituents’ taxpayer dollars get spent, all while cutting the funding working people count on each and every day. It is anything but a “clean CR.” What Republicans are pushing here is not a continuing resolution. In this case, “CR” stands for “complete resignation” because what Republicans are doing here is ceding more discretion to two billionaires to decide what does and does not get funded in their States. It is a power grab CR.

Not only that, it does make serious cuts to domestic funding. It leaves our working families in the dust. We are talking about a nearly 50-percent cut to lifesaving medical research and to conditions affecting our servicemembers. It is a giant shortfall in funding for the NIH. It is a massive cut in funding for Army Corps projects and is \$15 billion less for our domestic priorities.

This bill will force Social Security to cut staff and close offices and make it harder for our seniors to get the benefits they have spent their careers paying into the system to earn. It creates a devastating shortfall that risks tens of thousands of Americans losing their housing. So this bill causes real pain for communities across the country.

Let me be clear: This bill empowers Trump and Musk to pick winners and losers. I guarantee you they will not only go after Democrats. Inexplicably, House Republicans are saying: Give Trump all this power or we will shut down government.

Well, let’s be very clear: That is and always has been a false choice. The reality is, there were other options House Republicans could have chosen, but they chose—they chose—to pull out of bipartisan negotiations and send a deeply partisan bill here to the Senate today. Democrats did not have an ounce of input into writing this bill, and now House Republicans expect us to support it? That makes zero sense.

Let me be clear: In my time in Congress, never ever has one party written partisan, full-year appropriations bills for all of government and expected the other party to go along without any input.

To my colleagues here who want to pass individual appropriations bills in a timely manner for the next fiscal year, how are Democrats supposed to trust that those will be good-faith negotiations after we did the hard work of negotiating overwhelmingly bipartisan appropriations bills last year only for us to see this, today, from the Republicans in the House and only for Republicans to now say, “Swallow this partisan House Republican CR or it will be Democrats who are shutting down the government”? That is a false choice and one we cannot accept going forward.

When I cast my vote today, I am representing nearly 8 million people in Washington State, and in this democracy, their voices count for something. So you had better believe I am not handing over my vote in exchange for nothing. The choice is not a government shutdown or passing a bill to write a blank check to Elon Musk. That is not how this works. On Monday, I rolled out a clean 4-week extension to prevent a shutdown and to keep government funded while it gives us the time to hammer out a bipartisan agreement. We could still pass that right here, right now. If any Member has any suggestions on what they want to see in this CR, I am all ears. House Republicans may have already left town, but I am pretty sure they know how to get on a plane. That is their job—show up and vote.

The bottom line is, this bill will mean more pain and chaos for our country. I cannot support it.

Please let’s remember, Republicans control the House, the Senate, and the White House. If you refuse to put forward an offer that includes any Democratic input, you don’t get Democratic

votes. That is on Republicans. If you don't get any input from Democrats, it is a Republican vote. A shutdown is on Republicans.

The American people rightly understand that Republicans have pushed this country towards a shutdown. They do understand that Donald Trump has created a massive economic uncertainty and is putting us on track for a Republican recession with his indiscriminate layoffs, his illegal funding freeze, his incoherent trade war, and now by threatening a Republican shutdown.

Democrats did not write this bill. We did not have any input, but if we had, we sure wouldn't have handed over more of our power to two billionaires. You can bet we would not have cut our domestic investments by billions. Democrats did not write this bill, but if we did, we would have protected our public schools. Democrats did not write this bill, but if we did, we would have put our veterans first, and you can bet we would not have prevented the District of Columbia from spending its own taxpayer dollars and be forced to lay off police and teachers. Democrats did not have any say on this bill, but if we did, we would have protected our public lands and your healthcare and lifesaving cancer research.

So I hope my Democratic and, yes, my Republican colleagues as well will join me in voting no on this bill and swiftly passing a 4-week extension so we can hammer out a better bipartisan solution.

I am voting no because my constituents should have a say in how their tax dollars are spent. I am voting no because Congress—Congress, each one of us, not Elon Musk—should decide which schools or which hospitals get funding. I am voting no, and I hope my colleagues will join me.

Before I close, I want to say to my constituents who are frightened and scared: I understand your fears. Some days, I share them. But your voice matters. Speaking out matters. You elected me to be your voice, and you better believe I will keep fighting for you. So shoulders up. Keep the faith. We stand strong, but we do not stand down. We are going to keep fighting for the America we love.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for up to 5 minutes prior to the scheduled rollcall votes.

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

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I have the greatest respect for the previous speaker and also for the distinguished chair of the Appropriations Committee.

If she gets her way this afternoon or later tonight, the government will shut down. We would have to call the House back in. It will be a long period of uncertainty in a shutdown. That is the choice we are faced with.

The Speaker of the House has been faced with a very, very slim margin in the House of Representatives. He has had to do a deal that none of us likes, but he has decided that we have a responsibility to govern, and the better choice is to keep the government open.

The previous speaker has had 6 months to try to negotiate the deal which she says we can do now in 30 days. It is not going to happen.

We are here to make tough choices. Today, Senator COLLINS and I and others will make tough choices. We don't like the choices before us, but that is the way you have to govern.

NOMINATION OF STEPHEN FEINBERG

Mr. WICKER. Let me talk about an easy choice that the Senate will soon have to make, and that is the nomination of Mr. Stephen Feinberg, President Trump's choice to serve as Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Here is the reason it is going to be an easy choice for us in just a few moments. He was reported from the Armed Services Committee by an 18-to-9 vote—a bipartisan overwhelming vote—and he will do a good job.

The Secretary of Defense focuses on policy, on the overall policy. The Deputy Secretary of Defense—the position that Mr. Feinberg will hold if he is confirmed, as I am sure he will be—this person oversees the day-to-day operations of the vast Pentagon by leading its budget process, managing its people, and driving crucial internal reforms. Steve Feinberg is the exact person for this.

Now, under normal circumstances, the Deputy Secretary of Defense requires exemplary skills in management, budgeting, and problem-solving, but today's extraordinary environment requires even more than that—a manager of the highest caliber in that role. So let's look at just two or three items from Steve Feinberg's resume.

He has been founder and cochief executive officer and chief investment officer of Cerberus. He founded and cofounded other Cerberus affiliates and Cerberus funds. He managed separate pools of capital for Gruntal & Company, and he also had high responsibilities in Drexel Burnham Lambert. He knows how to manage huge, billion-dollar operations and to manage people.

He is also a perfect person for this role. He is well-spoken. He is calm. He is understated. He will be largely invisible. But he is the man to help us rebuild the military, reform the way the Pentagon does business, and turn this unaudited Pentagon bureaucracy around.

He will get a resounding bipartisan vote on the floor, I predict, as he did in the committee.

I congratulate the President on this nomination and on the bipartisan vote that we will soon get on a vote that is relatively easy compared to some of the harder votes later on today.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON FEINBERG NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Feinberg nomination?

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Grassley	Murkowski
Barrasso	Hagerty	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Reed
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Cramer	Lee	Slotkin
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	Marshall	Thune
Curtis	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	McCormick	Tuberville
Ernst	Moody	Warner
Fetterman	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Moreno	Young
Graham	Mullin	

NAYS—40

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kelly	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kim	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warnock
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Welch
Gallego	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Wyden
Hassan	Padilla	
Heinrich	Peters	

NOT VOTING—1

Booker

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 immediately be notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT—Resumed

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session and resume consideration of S. 331, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

Pending: