

in the District of Columbia Home Rule Act: *Provided further*, That the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia shall take such steps as are necessary to assure that the District of Columbia meets these requirements, including the apportioning by the Chief Financial Officer of the appropriations and funds made available to the District during fiscal year 2025, except that the Chief Financial Officer may not reprogram for operating expenses any funds derived from bonds, notes, or other obligations issued for capital projects.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Phelan and Landau nominations be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume executive session.

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 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. 36, John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Cynthia M. Lummis, Rick Scott of Florida, Kevin Cramer, Ted Budd, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Lindsey Graham, Markwayne Mullin, Marsha Blackburn, Thom Tillis, Tommy Tuberville, John R. Curtis, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, John Barrasso, Todd Young.

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 John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy, 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. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY).

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 134 Ex.]

YEAS—64

Banks	Blackburn	Britt
Barrasso	Boozman	Budd

Capito	Hoeven	Paul
Collins	Husted	Reed
Coons	Hyde-Smith	Ricketts
Cornyn	Johnson	Risch
Cortez Masto	Justice	Rosen
Cotton	Kaine	Rounds
Cramer	Kelly	Schmitt
Crapo	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cruz	King	Scott (SC)
Curtis	Lankford	Shaheen
Daines	Lee	Sheehy
Ernst	Lummis	Sullivan
Fetterman	Marshall	Thune
Fischer	McConnell	Tillis
Gallego	McCormick	Tuberville
Graham	Moody	Warner
Grassley	Moran	Wicker
Hagerty	Moreno	Young
Hassan	Mullin	
Hawley	Murkowski	

NAYS—33

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Schatz
Baldwin	Kim	Schiff
Bennet	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blumenthal	Lujan	Slotkin
Blunt Rochester	Markey	Smith
Booker	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cantwell	Murphy	Warnock
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Welch
Heinrich	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Cassidy	Durbin	Sanders
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 64, the nays are 33.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Phelan, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Navy.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, 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. 41, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

John Thune, Katie Britt, Bernie Moreno, Mike Rounds, Tom Cotton, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Rick Scott of Florida, John Hoeven, Roger Marshall, Thom Tillis, Jim Justice, Tim Sheehy, James Lankford, Joni Ernst, John R. Curtis.

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 Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 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. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY).

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER),

the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 63, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Ex.]

YEAS—63

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

NAYS—32

Alsobrooks	Kim	Schiff
Baldwin	Lujan	Schumer
Blumenthal	Markey	Slotkin
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Smith
Cantwell	Murphy	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Gallego	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden
Kelly	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—5

Booker	Durbin	Sanders
Cassidy	Hickenlooper	

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAMER). On this vote, the yeas are 63, the nays are 32.

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 Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 38.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 38, Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Mike Crapo, Markwayne Mullin, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Katie Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, Jon Husted.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 44.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 44, Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

John Thune, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Ashley B. Moody, Ted Budd, Tommy Tuberville, Jim Justice, James Lankford, Steve Daines, Ron Johnson, Josh Hawley, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Marsha Blackburn, David McCormick, Katie Britt, Todd Young, Cindy Hyde-Smith.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 45.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 45, Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Mike Crapo, Markwayne Mullin, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Katie Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, Jon Husted.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 39.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 39, James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Mike Crapo, Markwayne Mullin, Joni Ernst, David McCormick, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Katie Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, Jon Husted.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 48.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Aaron Reitz, of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 48, Aaron Reitz, of Texas, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Thune, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Ashley B. Moody, Ted Budd, Tommy Tuberville, Jim Justice, Steve Daines, Ron Johnson, Josh Hawley, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Marsha Blackburn, David McCormick, Mike Lee, Rick Scott of Florida.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business for debate

only, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

HALT FENTANYL ACT

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I voted today against final passage of the HALT Fentanyl Act because of the unintended consequences that could have been corrected by amendments that were blocked by the majority. Our Nation and my State of Maryland are experiencing a crisis with synthetic opioids like fentanyl and related drugs, and I strongly support action to combat drug trafficking and prevent overdoses. We need public health solutions that will help American families and our communities, but instead, the bill before us could lead to harmful unintended consequences, including limiting the potential for less addictive pain therapies and treatments like Naloxone that could prevent and reverse overdose. It also expands mandatory minimums, which increase incarceration but do not reduce crime, and applies them to a broad class of drugs regardless of their actual physiological effects, so that someone could be incarcerated for a decade or more for drugs that are effectively harmless.

My colleagues Senators BOOKER and WARNOCK put forward amendments to correct flaws in the bill, and Senator HASSAN filed an amendment to address substance use disorders and prevent overdose. However, because those amendments were blocked, I could not support passage of this legislation. I hope we can take future action to address the public health opioid and fentanyl crisis and that my colleagues who claim to care about this issue do not slash dollars for Medicaid and substance use disorder treatment programs that are a lifeline to so many American families.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE GANGPLANK

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor The Gangplank as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for March 2025.

Newell and Carol Walker opened The Gangplank in 1970 in Idaho Falls. Originally named Arthur Treacher's Fish and Chips, the restaurant was part of a national chain that ceased operation in the early 1980s. After an incident that knocked over the restaurant's marquee sign, the pair renamed the seafood joint to The Gangplank in 1982. When Newell decided to retire in 2002, he sold the businesses to Jeff and Sharlene

Croney, who took over the restaurant with their then-teenage son Jason.

Twenty-three years later, Jason is now co-owner of The Gangplank, bringing new ideas to the business and becoming an integral part of the restaurant's success. In 2022, Jeff and Jason purchased a mobile food truck to serve more southeast Idahoans during the summer months. The Cronneys also have big plans to expand The Gangplank's operations in Pocatello, open a second Idaho Falls location, and launch an additional food truck for catering services. This family-owned business hopes a third generation of Cronneys carry on The Gangplank legacy for another 55 years and beyond.

The Gangplank has been an established and reputable name in the Idaho Falls community over the last half-century. The restaurant sponsors and donates to local fundraising and charity events, including Boy Scouts of America, Festival of Trees, and the Distinguished Young Women program. The Cronneys also support and encourage staff to seek further education at all of Idaho's local colleges and universities.

Congratulations to the Cronneys and all of the employees at The Gangplank on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for March 2025. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO ADRIK FISHER

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Adrik Fisher, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. Fisher is originally from New Underwood, SD. He is currently attending Patrick Henry College, where he studies American politics and policy. Mr. Fisher is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Fisher for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NORA WINCKLER

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Nora Winckler, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Winckler is a graduate of Scotland High School in Scotland, SD. She is currently attending Augustana University, where she studies government and international affairs, English, and journalism. Ms. Winckler is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my

sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Winckler for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PREVENTED

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor PreventEd in St. Louis, MO, for 60 years of reducing and preventing the harms of alcohol and other drug use.

As our country reels from the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse, our Nation's young people must be educated about the dangers of these addictive substances. Founded on March 16, 1965, PreventEd has been dedicated to education, intervention, and advocacy to reduce the abuse of alcohol and other drugs in eastern Missouri. Their key focus areas include school-based prevention education and early intervention efforts for K-12 programming, peer support provided by certified peer specialists to address substance abuse, assessment and referral services, community coalitions, and advocacy to provide a voice to Missourians who have been impacted by substance misuse with Federal, State, and local government and their agencies. PreventEd realizes that drug and alcohol abuse have effects on individuals and society, and both components must be addressed to substantially mitigate the devastating effects like overdose deaths, chronic health problems, family dysfunction, and involvement in crime.

When I served as Attorney General of Missouri, I sued pharmaceutical giants over their role in the opioid crisis. Missouri received \$458 million as part of that settlement which went to fund drug treatment and prevention programs. Organizations like PreventEd have stood in the gap to ensure that young people are fully aware of drug misuse and have the proper resources for recovery. In their 60 years, they have served over 55,000 young people and more than 200,000 community members in the eastern region of Missouri. I am proud of the work they do and wish them continued success as they persevere in the important work of curbing alcohol and drug abuse in eastern Missouri.●

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS AND JANELLE BERUFF

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Carlos and Janelle Beruff of Bradenton, FL, on their 15th wedding anniversary. Over the years, my wife Ann and I have had the privilege of becoming friends with Carlos and Janelle. Together, they have built a beautiful family and are the proud parents of two children. Carlos and Janelle are an example of what it means to be Floridians. Following success in business, they have contributed tremendously to their community. They know the challenges so