

I want to thank a number of our colleagues who worked with us hand in hand to secure those funds at this moment of tragedy for Baltimore and the country. I want to thank Senator CAPITO and former Senator Carper of the Environment and Public Works Committee. I want to thank Senators COLLINS and MURRAY of the Appropriations Committee, as well as their staffs and our other colleagues.

I appreciate all of those who came to visit the site of the bridge collapse and to learn of our needs and what would be required to rebuild.

At the end of the day, passing this bill was not just about the funding. It was about keeping the promise that our government made to Baltimore and upholding a deeper national tradition that lies at the foundation of our Union: that when one huge disaster strikes any one State, the rest of us assist and come to their help. No one has to go it alone.

I also want to thank my former partner in the U.S. Senate, Ben Cardin, for all his work in this endeavor and our Governor, who worked so hard here on Capitol Hill to help make the case. I also want to thank my new partner in the Senate, Senator ALSOBROOKS, as she takes up the baton and makes sure that we move full speed ahead.

Because of the Federal funds, we have gotten the necessary permits to proceed. We must continue to work to rebuild not just the bridge itself but to rebuild all that was lost that day. And the way we do it is by being united.

That is the message that I just want to close on, which is that out of this terrible tragedy that happened in Baltimore City, first of all, people came together to comfort the families who lost loved ones. People came to support our first responders. People worked together to clear the channel of debris so the Port of Baltimore could reopen. And colleagues here in the U.S. Senate and those in the House of Representatives rallied to help Maryland in its time of need.

So I thank my colleagues for their efforts, and I thank everybody across America who helped Baltimore City and the State of Maryland at that moment of tragedy. As I say, out of that horrible moment came a ray of hope and unity that has helped us get to this point.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. LUMMIS). The Senator from Michigan.

NOMINATION OF JAMES BISHOP

Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I rise today in opposition to Congressman Bishop's nomination to be the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The Office of Management and Budget, or OMB, is responsible for a range of critical functions, from developing and executing the Federal budget to improving Agency performance and reviewing regulations.

Given his record and views, I have serious concerns about how Congressman

Bishop will help lead this important office.

First of all, I am concerned by his willingness to break the law, especially when it comes to Congress's power of the purse. He supports the administration's efforts to illegally withhold funding that Congress has passed into law.

Like all of my colleagues in Congress, I swore an oath to uphold and follow the laws set forth in our Constitution, which affirms that Congress—and Congress alone—is responsible for deciding how Federal funds are spent, not the President or members of his administration.

The administration's actions so far to freeze congressionally approved funds have already rocked communities all across my home State of Michigan, as well as across the entire Nation. These communities count on the funds appropriated by Congress to upgrade their roads and bridges and pay their police and first responders.

If confirmed, Congressman Bishop will only be a rubberstamp for Donald Trump and Director Vought's flagrant disregard for the spending laws passed by Congress.

Congressman Bishop has also been a staunch supporter of mass layoffs within the Federal workforce that undermine our government's ability to provide vital services to the American people.

Our nonpartisan civil servants play vital roles in protecting our national security, caring for our veterans, and ensuring the safety of our transportation system. If we allow the Trump administration to indiscriminately fire these nonpartisan experts and replace them with their political cronies, they will only put our Nation and our people at risk.

Finally, I am alarmed by his complete disregard for the law when it comes to whistleblower protections. As a Member of Congress, he revealed the name of a whistleblower—in direct violation of the law—and jeopardized the safety of that individual and their family. We simply cannot trust anyone who is willing to break the law to retaliate against a whistleblower exposing wrongdoing to help such a critical Agency within the Federal Government.

And if Congressman Bishop is confirmed, I am concerned that he will defy our duly passed laws and our Constitution to continue President Trump, Elon Musk, and Director Vought's assault on the Federal Government and the critical services that it provides all Americans.

Because of this, I oppose Congressman Bishop's nomination, and I would urge my colleagues to do the same.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Bishop nomination.

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

VOTE ON MAKARY NOMINATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I know of no further debate on the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Makary nomination?

Mr. KENNEDY. 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.

The result was announced—yeas 56, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 143 Ex.]

YEAS—56

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

NAYS—44

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

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 actions.

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 bill 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 Boyd Britt, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, Jon Husted.

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 James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 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 Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 144 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warrick
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallagher	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—1

Hawley

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING DEIMCO FINISHING EQUIPMENT

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Deimco Finishing Equipment of Tama, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1983, Tom Deimerly established Deimco Finishing Equipment with its first product, a pneumatic reciprocator, setting the stage for the manufacturing operation. Originally based in Marshalltown, IA, the company grew steadily, fueled by a dedication to innovation and engineering excellence. In 2002, Kirk and Cindy Shirar bought Deimco with the vision of providing high-quality, American-made finishing and material handling solutions to businesses across the country. One year later, the couple relocated the business to Tama, IA, to accommodate the company's expanding operations and capabilities. Deimco Finishing had two major facility expansions, including a 10,800-square-foot addition in early 2021 that is now fully operational. After two decades of running the business, the Shirars passed the family business to their son and daughter-in-law Jacob and Kyrsten Shirar in 2024.

Today, Deimco Finishing Equipment is a leading manufacturer of custom finishing and material handling solutions. The company specializes in designing, engineering, and fabricating high-quality finishing systems that cater to a wide range of industries, including automotive, military, medical, agricultural, and so much more. Additionally, Deimco Finishing offers powder coating systems, liquid paint and stain systems, as well as automation solutions. Their automated gun movers and robotic integration enable each system to be tailored to meet specific industry needs. With nearly four decades of experience, Deimco Finishing has built a reputation as a trusted partner in the manufacturing sector, continuously innovating to meet the changing needs of their clients while maintaining high-quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction.

Since 2016, Deimco Finishing Equipment has provided engineering experi-

ence and mentorship to students at South Tama County High School during the summer. This experience inspired one past participant to pursue a manufacturing-focused degree before returning to the business, where he is now one of the company's 25 full-time community-based employees. The company also supports local charities and organizations, including the Tama American Legion, Retrieving Freedom—a charity providing service dogs to veterans—and the Red Cross, among others. Through its charitable contributions and community involvement, Deimco Finishing has demonstrated a commitment to giving back to the community that has supported its growth. Later this year, Deimco Finishing Equipment will celebrate its 42nd anniversary in Iowa.

When I visited Deimco Finishing Equipment in 2021, I witnessed their entrepreneurial spirit that allows them to play such an essential role in the manufacturing industry. I want to congratulate the Shirar family and the entire team for their hard work and dedication to high-quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction to businesses across Iowa and beyond. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING MULHOLLAND GROCERY

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Mulholland Grocery of Malvern, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1875, Fred E. Mulholland opened Mulholland Grocery as a dry goods store in the heart of Malvern, IA. In 1903, Fred added a small cash-and-carry grocery section to the corner of the store. Eventually, the grocery section grew to become the entirety of the family business. After he passed away in 1945, Fred left the business to his son Fred A. Mulholland, who managed the company for close to 30 years until 1972 when he retired. He sold the store to his son Gordon and longtime employee Cork Hansen. Cork and Gordon eventually split, and Mulholland Grocery changed hands several times before the business returned to the Mulholland family's ownership. In 2008, Tom Mulholland, the great-grandson of Fred the founder, purchased the long-standing community grocery store now known for its meat processing services, homestyle meals, and warm customer service.

Tom worked hard to serve the Malvern community and keep the town's only grocery store within 11 miles afloat. In 2013, his dedication was recognized when Mulholland Grocery won Iowa's Dream Big, Grow Here award. This statewide honor equipped