

worked as an independent contractor when performing tax consulting work for Capitol Edge Strategies. He never worked at White River or anywhere else on Native American Tribal tax credits.

With respect to contributions made to his Senate campaign, Congressman Long has stated repeatedly that he followed Federal Election Commission guidelines.

I am confident that Congressman Long is equipped to lead the IRS as Commissioner. I encourage my colleagues to join me in advancing his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to begin the vote now scheduled for a later time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON LONG NOMINATION

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

Mr. BUDD. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 308 Ex.]

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The nomination was confirmed.

(Mr. SULLIVAN assumed the Chair.)
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). 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.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

GUIDING AND ESTABLISHING NATIONAL INNOVATION FOR U.S. STABLECOINS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session and consideration of S. 1582, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1582) to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) amendment No. 2307, in the nature of a substitute.

Thune amendment No. 2308 (to amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2309 (to amendment No. 2308), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2310 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2311 (to amendment No. 2310), to change the enactment date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. MERKLEY. I move to table amendment No. 2310, so I can have an amendment considered to the bill, an amendment that would end current and potential crypto corruption by Federal elected officials, including the President, Vice President, and all Members of Congress.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 309 Leg.]

YEAS—45

Alsobrooks	Durbin	King
Baldwin	Fetterman	Klobuchar
Bennet	Gillibrand	Lujan
Blumenthal	Hassan	Markey
Blunt Rochester	Heinrich	Merkley
Booker	Hickenlooper	Murphy
Cantwell	Hirono	Murray
Coons	Kaine	Paul
Cortez Masto	Kelly	Peters
Duckworth	Kim	Reed

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Shaheen
Slotkin
Smith
Van Hollen
Warner

Warnock
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—52

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be up to 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I yield back all the time on our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, my colleagues will remember the phrase "Senate pay-as-you-go," or better known as pay-go. It was initiated by my colleagues across the aisle to say each bill should be paid for, and they created a point of order to that effect.

But this bill is not paid for. It spends \$115 million. Cost that. And there is no offsetting revenue of any kind. So it violates the Senate pay-go rule.

Now, I know all my colleagues like to say they are fiscal conservatives, and they wanted to stand up for this pay-go rule. Well, this is a chance to actually exercise some fiscal restraint.

Already, we have the situation where we are talking about making tax cuts permanent that will cost \$50 trillion in this coming "Big, Not So Beautiful Bill"—\$50 trillion in new debt compared to current law, incredibly irresponsible. Well, here is a chance to do a small item that is fiscally responsible. Honor your previous commitment to the philosophy of Senate pay-go and vote for this point of order.

Mr. President, since all time has been yielded back by my colleague, I raise a point of order that the pending amendment violates section 4106 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, H. Con. Res. 71 of the 115th Congress, the Senate pay-as-you-go, better known as pay-go, point of order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, I move to waive all applicable sections of that act and applicable

budget resolutions for purposes of Senate amendment No. 2307, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 310 Leg.]

YEAS—64

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kelly	Sheehy
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Slotkin
Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fischer	McCormick	Young
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—33

Baldwin	Kaine	Sanders
Bennet	King	Schatz
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Shaheen
Cantwell	Markley	Smith
Coons	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 64, the nays are 33. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask consent that the next two votes be 10-minute votes.

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

AMENDMENTS WITHDRAWN

Under the previous order, all amendments pending to S. 1582 with the exception of amendment No. 2307 are withdrawn.

The amendments were withdrawn.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 2307

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were previously ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 311 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
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Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fetterman	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—30

Baldwin	Kaine	Sanders
Bennet	King	Schatz
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Markley	Shaheen
Cantwell	Merkley	Smith
Coons	Murphy	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The amendment (No. 2307), in the nature of the substitute, was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent to address the Chamber for 20 seconds.

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

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I just saw something that sickened my stomach—the manhandling of a U.S. Senator. We need immediate answers to what the hell went on.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to Calendar No. 66, S. 1582.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The senior assistant executive 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 Calendar No. 66, S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regu-

lation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

John Thune, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, John R. Curtis, Bill Hagerty, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Markwayne Mullin, Ashley B. Moody, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Tom Cotton, Deb Fischer, James E. Risch, Katie Boyd Britt, Lindsey Graham, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes, as amended, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 27, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 312 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
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Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
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Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fetterman	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—27

Baldwin	Kaine	Schatz
Bennet	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blumenthal	Markley	Shaheen
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Smith
Cantwell	Murphy	Van Hollen
Coons	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—6

Durbin	King	Padilla
Gallego	Ossoff	Sanders

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 67, the nays are 27.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senator from Florida.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

The Democratic leader.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHUMER. I mentioned a few minutes ago, I had seen a video that sickened my stomach of a U.S. Senator being manhandled, we now know, by Federal agents and dragged out of a hearing room.

Now there is a second video that is even worse. He has been thrown to the ground—again, manhandled, brutally taken down, handcuffed. It was disgusting.

Anyone who looks at this—it will turn their stomach to look at this video and see what happened. It reeks—reeks—of totalitarianism. This is not what democracies do.

Senator PADILLA was there legitimately in that building to ask questions of what is going on in California, which everybody wants to know answers to. We don't get answers when we ask the administration questions in one way or another. So Senator PADILLA was exercising his duty as a Senator for his constituents to try and find out what happened and, instead, he gets manhandled, thrown out of the room, thrown on the ground, and handcuffed.

We need a full investigation immediately as to what happened and who did what and what is going to be done to see that this doesn't happen again to Senator PADILLA or other American citizens who are seeking their right to redress. It is despicable; it is disgusting; it is so un-American—so un-American—and we need answers. We need answers immediately.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I am sure the American people right now are just starting to see what happened to the U.S. Senator from California—the senior Senator from California—ALEX PADILLA. He is at a press conference in California, where the Secretary of Homeland Security is, and he wants to ask some questions, with all that is going on in California. Look, I don't know what all happened, but Federal agents took him down—took down a U.S. Senator—saying that they are doing their job.

Why aren't more people down here speaking up about this nonsense?

This is ridiculous. I would use some other language, but I would probably get tossed off the floor right now.

Growing up on a small farm and cleaning a barn, my dad taught me how to take a shovel to all the stuff that came out of the animals. You know what that is called. I know what it is called. And some of the animals that did that were males. They were bulls. And the stuff that came out of them has a few names to it. I will call it manure today.

This is nonsense. This is awful. How can these Federal agents get away with this?

Is the President of the United States telling folks to go down and start arresting U.S. Senators, taking them down to the floor? Is that what we have come to, the executive branch doing this to our colleagues?

This is a Democrat. What happens when it happens to a Republican? Will I hear from my Republican colleagues then to say: No, we should not do this, Mr. President. Back down. Back off. You are wrong.

Will someone here have the backbone to tell the President of the United States: You crossed the line. Stop it.

I am so disappointed, so disappointed. And as a Latino U.S. Senator, for this to happen to another Hispanic here—there are several of us who are Hispanics here, Democrats and Republicans. Speak up.

When one of my predecessors was here, Dennis Chavez, there were places he could not eat in this town because of the color of his skin, because he was from a State called New Mexico.

Are we going to use our voices? Are we better than this in the United States of America? Or are we going to show all the other folks in the world who choose to do this to the people who were duly elected by their people? No, just go arrest them. Throw them down on their face. Treat them like garbage.

We are better than this in America, you all. We have got to speak up. I hope, by tonight, every Democrat and Republican Member of this body has the courage to say something. This has gone too far. It is not right.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I have come to the floor to say I am extremely outraged that the executive branch's security team has shoved a U.S. Senator out of a room, has proceeded to put that U.S. Senator on the ground and to handcuff that Senator. This is what we expect to see in authoritarian nations that can't tolerate a question, and they start to attack the institutions.

What we are seeing in the United States right now, we are seeing it in the form of the President willfully breaking the law on the rules control-

ling the executive branch, time and time again. We see it in his attack on the press, his attack on the universities, his attack on extorting law firms. We see it in the form of him using the Trump v. United States lawsuit to say: I, the President, am above the law, and I could issue pardons to the whole executive branch, who is above the law.

That is not the way it works in a republic. At least, it is not the way it works if we are a republic.

If we, through a subservient Congress and in combination with a deferential Supreme Court, slide into this authoritarian state, then we have failed our oath to the Constitution.

It is absolutely wrong that any U.S. Senator, for attempting to ask a question, be treated in this fashion.

I double down on the call of Leader SCHUMER. This merits a full bipartisan investigation—bipartisan because all of us are Members of the legislative branch. All of us have taken an oath to the Constitution, and all of us should stand up for each other and certainly our ability to explore the policies of this administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I never thought I would imagine having to stand here and discuss what I saw today: a U.S. Senator, in his own community, in the city in which he grew up, elected under the authority of the people, stepping forward to get answers to legitimate questions, and we see him being thrown to the ground after being removed from a room forcibly and put into handcuffs by multiple people.

This, to me, is such an abuse of authority. It is a violent act. There can be no justification of seeing a Senator forced to their knees, laid flat on the ground, their hands twisted behind their back, and being put into restraints. If you see the video, at that point, he is not fighting; he is not pushing.

But this is a pattern and a practice. This is not an isolated incident. I remind people that in my own community, in the city of Newark, we had a Congresswoman and a mayor at a facility. The mayor, invited into the gate; the Congress people, invited into a conference room; and then the mayor, asked to leave, who did leave; and then numerous agents run out to arrest that mayor. Now, the judge in this case said it was outrageous and reprimanded the Trump administration for the arrest in and of itself.

We see, time and time again, this administration trying to precipitate a response by the misuse and the abuse of force. This is more akin to authoritarian governments.

When you see a democratic nation having their executive begin to arrest mayors, begin to arrest judges, begin to arrest a U.S. Senator who is simply