

any American who dares to speak up. If what you saw happen can happen when the cameras are on, imagine not only what can happen but what is happening in so many places where there are no cameras.

Colleagues, this isn't about me. In fact, it is not just about immigrant communities or even just the State of California. It is about every single American who values their constitutional rights. It is about anyone who has ever exercised their First Amendment rights or anyone who has ever disagreed with a President or anyone who simply values our democracy and wants to keep it.

Now, the President will tell you that this is just about undocumented immigrants, about law and order, and about targeting dangerous, violent criminals. If it was just about targeting dangerous and violent criminals, there would be no disagreement. There would be no debate. But we know differently. We don't think; we know differently.

Public data released by the administration shows that the majority of immigrants currently in ICE custody have no prior criminal conviction, and new reporting shows that less than 10 percent of immigrants taken into ICE custody since October have serious criminal convictions—less than 10 percent.

But a couple weeks ago, it seemed that Donald Trump was at the lowest point of his presidency so far. He was drowning in a week of terrible headlines. The American people were finally waking up to the realities of the budget reconciliation bill that will cut healthcare, nutrition assistance, and good-paying clean energy jobs, while reducing the tax burden on billionaires. He was losing his tariff wars as the costs for everyday goods were continuing to rise. His promises to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine were falling flat, and he had been handed loss after loss in Federal court. He even had a very public breakup with Elon Musk.

And I mention this only because we know what happens when the headlines turn on Donald Trump. When Donald Trump is having a bad week, he turns to the same tired playbook he always has: When in doubt, scapegoat immigrants, and manufacture a crisis to distract the media from what is going on.

That is the reason ICE raids ramped up in California. And when Californians took to the streets to peacefully protest, he bypassed the Governor and federalized the National Guard. And even with their presence over a couple of days as things began to settle, he escalated even further by sending in the Marines.

He wants the spectacle, not just to distract, but to justify his undemocratic crackdowns and his authoritarian power grabs.

That is the reason why, even though the vast majority of protests have remained peaceful—what a weekend. That notwithstanding, the President, the Vice President, and their allies

have continued to call all the protesters out there insurrectionists. Yes, this is the same man who provoked an actual insurrection at our Capitol on January 6; the same man who incited a violent mob, carrying confederate flags against Congress; the same man who then pardoned the convicted felons who assaulted our brave Capitol police officers.

Donald Trump is continuing to test the boundaries of his power, and he has surrounded himself with yes-men and underqualified attack dogs, from the DHS Secretary to the FBI Director to the Secretary of Defense, who will rubberstamp every anti-democratic step he takes.

This administration's officials and maybe not all, but many Republicans in Congress, may choose not to do their job, but they cannot stop me from doing mine. And I refuse to let immigrants be political pawns on his path towards fascism.

Again, if you really think this is just about immigrants and immigration, it is time to wake up. What is happening is not just a threat to California, it is a threat to everyone in every State. If Donald Trump can bypass the Governor and activate the National Guard to put down protests on immigrant rights, he can do it to suppress your rights too.

If he can deploy the Marines to Los Angeles without justification, he can deploy them to your State too.

And if he can ignore due process, strip away First Amendment rights, and disappear people to foreign prisons without their day in court, he can do it to you too.

Because California is just the test case for the rest of the country. Last week, for many, it was a warning shot. But I pray that it also serves as a wake-up call.

We have now seen—since Thursday, we have now seen Trump threaten to do the same in other cities run by elected Democrats. He is saying the quiet part out loud.

It doesn't matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat or an Independent. We all have a responsibility to speak up and to push back before it is too late.

So I do encourage people to keep peacefully protesting. There is nothing more patriotic than to peacefully protest for your rights. Because no one is going to liberate Los Angeles but Angelenos. No one will redeem America but Americans. No one is coming to save us but us.

And we know that the cameras are not on in every corner of the country. But if this administration is this afraid of just one Senator with a question, colleagues, imagine what the voices of tens of millions of Americans peacefully protesting can do.

I thank you all for being here to hear me. I thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:11 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. HUSTED).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

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. 99, Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025. (Reappointment)

John Thune, John Boozman, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Marshall, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley B. Moody, Ted Budd, John Barrasso, Marsha Blackburn, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, Mike Rounds, Jon A. Husted, Markwayne Mullin, Rick Scott of Florida, Cynthia M. Lummis.

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 the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025 (Reappointment), 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 Arkansas (Mr. COTTON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 315 Ex.]

YEAS—53

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

Sullivan Thune	Tillis Tuberville	Wicker Young
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NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—3

Cotton	Gallego	Kelly
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 44. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025, (Reappointment).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATION OF GARY ANDRES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the motion to invoke cloture on Mr. Gary Andres, who is nominated to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the Department of Health and Human Services, HHS.

The Assistant Secretary for Legislation at HHS serves as principal adviser to the Secretary with respect to all aspects of the Department's legislative agenda and congressional liaison activities. The office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation also informs Congress of the Department's views, priorities, actions, grants, and contracts.

As a veteran of Capitol Hill, Mr. Andres knows how to implement a successful legislative agenda and will be a valuable partner to Congress at HHS. In addition, Mr. Andres has experience in the Legislative Affairs offices of previous Republican administrations, which will serve him well in this position.

At his hearing, Mr. Andres also committed to prioritize timeliness in responding to questions from Members. I thank him for this commitment and look forward to working with him, if confirmed.

Qualified nominees for this position in prior administrations normally re-

ceive widespread bipartisan support. I strongly encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me today in voting to advance Mr. Andres' nomination.

VOTE ON ANDRES NOMINATION

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

Ms. HASSAN. 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. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 316 Ex.]

YEAS—57

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

NAYS—40

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

NOT VOTING—3

Cotton	Gallego	Kelly
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). 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.

The Senator from South Carolina.

COMMEMORATING JUNE 17, 2025, AS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH SHOOTING

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am on the floor today with my good friend and colleague Senator SCOTT. He has a resolution commemorating the 10th an-

niversary of the Mother Emanuel Church shooting. June 17 was the 10th anniversary, and I just want to thank Tim for all he has done for that church and for the victims of that horrible day.

You have been a real inspiration to the church and to the State, and I am glad to join with you here today.

It is the oldest Black congregation in our State, opened in 1816. The man who did this, Dylann Roof, killed 9 people, seriously wounded another.

He is facing the death penalty. His goal was to go into that church—invited in, by the way—and shoot people in a house of worship, African Americans, trying to start a race war. He failed pretty miserably.

People in South Carolina embraced Mother Emanuel, the victims. We loved the church, the church family, and I am proud of how our State has rallied around this horrific event.

And to the people who lost their loved ones, there is a hole in your life that can never be filled. The senseless act of violence motivated by sheer hate and bigotry devastated your life. But I do want to let everybody in the country know, Mother Emanuel is still standing, stronger than ever. People in South Carolina came together in a way that I haven't seen in a long time; and by this horrible, terrible tragedy, I think we are stronger than we were before.

This involved a man who had serious issues, was able to get a gun in violation of existing law about background checks. They finally reached a settlement with the victims, and that was done a few years ago.

So the lessons learned for me from this horrible event was that there is no safe place when it comes to bigotry and hate. The churches all over the country, synagogues, houses of worship now have armed guards. I hate we are where we are, but as we look back over the last decade and how this has affected the people of Mother Emanuel and our State, I am here to tell you that that church is stronger than it has ever been.

To the victims and their families, the hole that has been placed in your life by this senseless act of violence can never be fully filled, but we are trying to do our best to fill that void. And to my good friend Senator SCOTT, thank you so much for your leadership from day 1. And 10 years later, because of your leadership, we are remembering on the floor of the U.S. Senate that tragic day. And I am just honored to call you my friend and colleague.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, let me first thank Senator GRAHAM for your thoughtful comments and, frankly, standing with me and, frankly, more importantly, standing with our family of South Carolina as we faced one of the horrific challenges our State has ever faced in the history