

Sullivan	Tillis	Wicker
Thune	Tuberville	Young

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

of a State that has a very provocative history on race.

It is a rare moment when searing pain and disbelief leaves an unforgettable yet undeniable impression on both your heart and your mind.

Mr. President, 9/11 was one of those occasions. I remember exactly where I was on that fateful day. June 17, today, 10 years ago, 2015, was another one of those days.

I will never forget sitting in my bed when I received the news that there had been a shooting in my hometown of Charleston where, ultimately, nine African Americans attending a Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church would be murdered. Murdered for the simple reason that they were Black. No other reason.

Invited into a Bible study was the murderer. With open arms, they welcomed him in. And for 90 minutes or so he sat through a Bible study listening and watching as these Christian souls talked about and then prayed, including him.

This atrocity that was carried out in an attempt to start a race war, a second race war, at the birthplace of the Civil War, changed the landscape and, frankly, the hearts, not only of Charleston, SC and those members of the Mother Emanuel Church but our entire State and Nation.

But even in the face of such an atrocity, in the face of such grief, 36 hours after this horrific shooting, representatives from every single family looked into the eyes of the murderer and simply said what needed to be said:

I forgive you.

Thinking back on the power of our scriptures, Matthew 5:44 reminds us to love those who persecute us—to pray for those who persecute us, and to love our enemies, and to think about the capacity of love of nine family members to turn away from the grief and the pain and the misery and turn towards love.

To say to the person who just executed the person they loved dearly: We forgive you, the power of that moment started healing our Nation caught up in racial tension and violence, healed our Nation in a way that nothing else can do.

Sometimes fire can't meet fire. Sometimes hate can't meet hate. Sometimes the only thing that brings healing and restoration—or at least begins it—is meeting hate with love.

I won't ever forget the Wednesday, one week later. I was coming to this floor to give a speech, and I was talking to Daniel Simmons, Jr., whose father was one who was executed on that fateful day, his father Daniel Simmons, Sr. And I asked Daniel Simmons, Jr.: What would you want me to say to the Nation if they are listening as I go out and talk?

He said: Please remind them of Romans 8:28; that somehow, some way, all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

I have got to tell you, had I been in his shoes, I do not believe I would have had the strength, the conviction, the clarity of mind to find good in the midst of that tragedy. But it is the message of hope that we needed then, and I believe it is the message of hope we need now.

I am personally forever grateful to those family members, the family members of the nine, who simply chose forgiveness in the face of something I pray none of us has to experience.

Their example of a faith-filled hope in the wake of tragedy and loss not only inspires me still, it inspired our Nation, and I pray that it continues to lead us in the direction of reconciliation. As we honor those who are no longer with us, we must never be driven by our pain, our division, or our fear.

I would like to have a moment of silence for the Emanuel nine and their families.

Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Cynthia Hurd, Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Tywanza Sanders, Ethel Lance, Susie Jackson, Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Rev. Daniel Simmons, Sr., and Myra Thompson.

May America, the greatest Nation on the planet, always strive to live up to our highest ideal, the ideal that we are all created equal; that we all share the same bloodline; that we are all a part of the same family, the family of God.

Mr. President, therefore, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 282, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 282) commemorating June 17, 2025, as the tenth anniversary of the Mother Emanuel AME Church shooting.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 282) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for coming to the floor to remember this horrific shooting in their State and to remember those and the family ones who were affected by this. I very much appreciate this resolution.

RECOGNIZING VANCOUVER ITECH PREPARATORY

I come to talk about history as well. I just visited a group of young students from my State, Vancouver iTech—actually, it is the second time I have seen a group of students from this school in the last week. A group of them were here last week competing in a national history championship, and I am very proud to say that the young women presenting a historical review of the Kaiser shipyards in our State that changed the workforce and basically women came to the workforce during World War Two, placed second in that national championship. So hats off to those young women for capturing that moment of history and explaining what it was all about.

The competition from Vancouver iTech Preparatory had four other individuals who placed in the top 10 of the subjects that they were providing. So I love that my State is focusing on history.

(The remarks of Ms. CANTWELL pertaining to the submission of S. Res. 281 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Ms. CANTWELL. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, this month, my fellow colleagues in the Senate—the Republican Senate Members—are working to pass a budget proposal that I feel can best be described as dangerous.

Their plans are going to dramatically reduce—even gut—services like Medicaid and SNAP, which give food to hungry, low-income workers. It will strip healthcare away from, most likely, more than 16 million Americans and threaten millions of seniors living in nursing homes.

All of this is focused, really, on just trying to give larger tax breaks to very wealthy people—who don't, really, in most cases, want them—or to the largest corporations. This lavish—and I think "lavish" is the only word that describes it fairly. This lavish tax bill gives more to the top earners while taking away from Americans with the least.

But it really doesn't have to be that way. If Republicans could focus on extending tax cuts for working families rather than on the wealthiest—that one effort, in and of itself, that one initiative—they could avoid ripping away healthcare from more than 15 or 16 million Americans; gutting our much needed investments in climate change—in fighting climate change—and making sure we have lower energy prices. Instead, they are going full steam ahead with really what is a god-awful bill.

I want to focus today on another dangerous part of this plan: how it explodes our national debt and really risks our economic future.

Many proponents of the bill love to hem and haw about being financially responsible. Like a few people in here,