

their House colleagues, they made it even worse in a dramatic way. They decided to drop regulation and background checks on not only silencers but shotguns and rifles. For 100 years, we have had these laws on the books for gun safety. This is stunning, terrifying, and just totally idiotic.

To the extreme Republicans who slipped these gun provisions into their bill, shame on you. Shame on you for putting the gun lobby over the lives of kids. Shame on you for endangering our families and law enforcement. Shame on you for adding fuel to America's gun epidemic.

As many of you know, I am the author of the Brady Law. I got it passed in the House in 1994, as well as the assault weapons ban. It was always a tradition—not shotguns, not rifles. That is broken by this extreme and dangerous provision that the Senate has added to the bill.

We are going to fight this provision and the provisions on silencers with everything we have got, including in the Byrd bath process, where we believe this provision has no right to be in a reconciliation bill. It is not a revenue raiser. It is policy. It should be knocked out.

Fourth, the Senate bill took House Republican attacks on our courts and dialed them up even more.

Right now, the Trump administration is losing in court about 95 percent of the time when its actions are challenged as unlawful. There are so many actions that the Trump administration is doing that are unlawful, and they are losing. And it is not just liberal or Democratic-chosen judges who are knocking these things out, a lot of them are Republican judges, and a good number are Trump-appointed judges. But they are doing their job. They are obeying the law. They are telling the Trump administration: You cannot break the law.

Right now, because Trump is losing 95 percent of the cases, even from his own appointed judges, he is defying the courts with more and more frequency. And Republicans in Congress want to codify the Trump administration's attacks on the courts.

The House bill, for those who remember, would have prevented courts from enforcing their injunctions if plaintiffs didn't put up massive security bonds. The Senate bill goes even further, remarkably and disgustingly enough. The Senate Republican bill wants to prevent courts from even issuing injunctions against the Federal Government in the first place if plaintiffs don't put up massive security bonds. In other words, Senate Republicans want to turn our justice system into pay to play. If you can't put up the money upfront, then no injunctive relief against the abuses of the Federal Government even though those abuses are at a record high. It is a naked attack on checks and balances, a disturbing escalation against judicial independence.

Finally, debt and taxes—a subject we are focusing on this week.

Senate Republicans, through their proposal, want to pass some of the largest cuts for the ultrarich in American history and then ruin our children's financial future by making these tax cuts permanent.

If Republicans make Trump's tax cuts permanent, our children and grandchildren will be condemned to a lifetime of higher interest rates, higher costs, and diminished potential.

Why are Republicans doing all of this? Well, we know what their North Star is—tax cuts for billionaires. They tie themselves in knots, they do terrible damage to their constituents in so many ways, all so they can give tax breaks to the wealthy.

This is the big difference between Republicans and Democrats: Democrats believe in lowering taxes for working families and the middle class—parents raising their kids, small business owners trying to grow. Republicans, meanwhile, believe in helping those at the very, very top, even at the cost of dooming our children and grandchildren to a lifetime of debt that Republicans only selectively care about. They believe that helping billionaires and big corporations is somehow going to make everyone better off. That has never worked.

When you put it all together, the Senate version of Donald Trump's "Big Ugly Bill" is even worse than the House's. It makes even deeper cuts to healthcare. It destroys American clean energy. It raises costs on working and middle-class families. And it rewards those at the very top at the expense of all the rest of us.

NOMINATION OF RODNEY SCOTT

Mr. President, finally, on the CPB nomination, today, Senate Republicans will confirm Rodney Scott as Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CPB.

It is hard to imagine a worse, more unqualified, more dangerous choice to lead the CPB in this moment than Mr. Scott. His lack of experience alone is enough to disqualify him from the position, but there is even more. During his time at the Border Patrol, Mr. Scott was directly implicated in the alleged coverup of the death of someone in Border Patrol custody. These are the people Donald Trump seems to like, people who break the law. Somehow, he likes that.

There is another one. When pressed by the committee about these allegations, Mr. Scott described his actions as "routine." To cover up the death of someone who is in custody—that is routine? This is sick. This is a person who may have covered up the death of someone in Border Patrol custody, and now Republicans want to put him in charge of border security?

No one who allegedly covered up a wrongful death at the hands of law enforcement should ever be named to a position of leadership.

The Senate should reject his nomination.

At a time when the Trump administration is snatching people off the

streets, conducting military-style raids across America, and demonizing immigrants, Mr. Scott would be nothing more than a rubberstamp for some of Donald Trump's nastiest, cruelest immigration policies.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the motion to invoke cloture on Mr. Rodney Scott, who is nominated to serve as the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or CBP.

CBP's mission priorities include countering terrorism and transnational crime, securing the border, facilitating lawful trade and travel, and protecting revenue.

Mr. Scott is well-positioned to lead CBP in fulfilling these important priorities. He has nearly three decades of relevant experience, including serving as a chief patrol agent in the U.S. Border Patrol and as the associate chief in CBP's Office of Anti-Terrorism. At his nomination hearing, Mr. Scott said he "would leverage [his] experience to empower the men and women of CBP to do what they were hired to do—safeguard every American by providing secure borders and keeping trade and travel moving." I know that if confirmed, he will do so.

I thank Mr. Scott for his commitment and for his responsiveness throughout this nomination process. I strongly encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me today in voting to advance Mr. Scott's nomination.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MULLIN). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). The majority whip.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. 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. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Scott nomination.

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

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we move ahead with the vote that is scheduled for noon. It is just about that time now.

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

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. 130, Rodney

Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

John Thune, Pete Ricketts, Bill Hagerty, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Roger F. Wicker, John R. Curtis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Bernie Moreno, Katie Boyd Britt, Mike Lee, Mike Rounds, Deb Fischer, Steve Daines, Rick Scott of Florida, James Lankford, Jon A. Husted, Ted Cruz.

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 Rodney Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH). Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 319 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Banks	Fischer	Moreno
Barrasso	Graham	Mullin
Blackburn	Grassley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeben	Ricketts
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	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	

NAYS—46

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	Markley	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gallagher	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—4

Hagerty	Ossoff
McCormick	Risch

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this motion, the yeas are 50, the nays are 46, and the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

The bill 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).

VOTE ON TRUSTY NOMINATION

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

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 320 Ex.]

YEAS—53

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

NAYS—45

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	Markley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallagher	Padilla	Welch
Gillibrand	Peters	Whitehouse
Hassan	Reed	Wyden
Heinrich		

NOT VOTING—2

Ossoff	Risch
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). 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 Nevada.

THE CALENDAR

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, as if in correlative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of

the following bills en bloc: S. 154; S. 282; S. 356; S. 1112; and H.R. 2215; further, that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: S. 154; S. 282; S. 356; S. 1112; H.R. 42, which was received from the House and is at the desk; H.R. 43, which was received from the House and is at the desk; H.R. 618, which was received from the House and is at the desk; and H.R. 2215.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged from the relevant bills, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the bills be considered read a third time en bloc.

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

The bills were read a third time en bloc, as follows:

COLORADO RIVER BASIN SYSTEM CONSERVATION EXTENSION ACT

A bill (S. 154) to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT ACCESS ACT

A bill (S. 282) to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, and for other purposes, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

A bill (S. 356) to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT

A bill (S. 1112) to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

ALASKA NATIVE SETTLEMENT TRUST ELIGIBILITY ACT

A bill (H.R. 42) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes, was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.