

that will bring their babies back. Just down the street from the Hunt Store is a church. It had in front of it a sign: "Free lunch and dinner, barbecue. All are welcome."

I have to say, that is the responsibility of the church to care for those in need, to feed and clothe and help those who are suffering. The church should do that every day but especially in the face of a crisis.

Texas will come through this. Kerr County will come through this. On my street at home, almost every house has a tree in front of it with a ribbon to mourn the girls from Camp Mystic. There was a video on the internet that was posted of a schoolbus full of girls from Mystic after the flooding. And they are driving along, and one of the girls is filming the disaster, the devastation along the side of the river. And the girls are singing hymns. They are singing Christian hymns rejoicing.

I have to tell you, if you can listen to those hymns, you can see those girls singing those hymns and not be reduced to tears, I can't imagine that you can.

Our State is hurting, but we will come through it. For all of our colleagues who have reached out and said: We love you; we are standing with you, thank you. We need that support. We will come through it. And we will come through with a spirit of what is on the sign above the Hunt Store, "Hunt Strong," "Texas Strong." We will come through this together.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

#### WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Griffith and Bedford nominations.

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. 106, Preston Griffith, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, John R. Curtis, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bill Cassidy, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, Marsha Blackburn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Ron Johnson, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Jim Justice, Bill Hagerty.

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 Preston Griffith, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea," the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 47, nays 41, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 373 Ex.]

##### YEAS—47

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

##### NAYS—41

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

##### NOT VOTING—12

Coons	Hoeven	Rosen
Hagerty	Lee	Schmitt
Hawley	Murkowski	Scott (SC)
Heinrich	Murray	Warnock

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 47, the nays are 41.

The motion is agreed to.

#### 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. 197, Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, John R. Curtis, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bill Cassidy, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, Marsha Blackburn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Ron Johnson, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Jim Justice, Bill Hagerty.

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 Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, 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 Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "yea," the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 47, nays 42, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 374 Ex.]

##### YEAS—47

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

Sullivan Thune	Tillis Tuberville	Wicker Young
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## NAYS—42

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

## NOT VOTING—11

Hagerty	Lee	Schmitt
Hawley	Murkowski	Scott (SC)
Heinrich	Murray	Wainwright
Hoeven	Rosen	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 47, the nays are 42. 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 Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

## UKRAINE

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I was pleased to see President Trump say that his administration will resume sending weapons to Ukraine. It is my understanding that they signed an order to do so. He was going to do that using the resources and flexibilities that Congress has provided to him, to his administration.

This commitment is vital, ensuring that Ukraine has capabilities to meet the needs to protect its people and its territory against ongoing aggression.

America's security is closely linked to the stability of the free world. If Ukraine fails to repel Russia's invasion, the consequences will extend far beyond Eastern Europe, threatening the safety, economic strength, and global leadership of the United States of America.

If we allow a dictator to redraw borders by force, then what message does that send to other authoritarian regimes watching closely around the globe—including China? This is a message of weakness that invites further aggression, and it threatens our allies and partners around the globe.

The cost of inaction will far outweigh the cost of action. If Putin is not stopped in Ukraine, the likelihood of a direct confrontation between Russia and a NATO ally dramatically increases, and that would mean far greater costs—not just in resources but potentially in American lives.

The President has tried to negotiate a peace agreement, but Putin has indicated, in almost no uncertain fashion, lack of interest.

The Ukrainian people have demonstrated incredible courage and resilience. They are fighting for their freedom and, by extension, for the principles that underpin global peace and security.

Our response to what we are seeing in Ukraine and across the globe should be to build more capacity and ensure that we have a resilient industrial base, with an ability to handle all the possible threats that the United States faces now and into the future. And 90 percent of the aid we will provide also goes back directly into the American economy, expanding capacity and resources for our own defense industrial base and creating jobs right here at home.

Expanding that industrial base is hugely important to the future, the well-being, the national security of our Nation. By aiding Ukraine, we are replenishing our own stockpiles with new, more advanced equipment and demonstrating American leadership on the global stage.

President Trump also secured a recent agreement at the NATO summit in which members of the alliance agreed to increase defense spending from 2 percent to 5 percent by 2035. This commitment to the defense of Europe and the NATO members is a tremendous development and will bolster our collective strength in an alliance, bringing our allies' spending up to the same levels of the United States.

We need to make certain Ukraine has the equipment necessary to win a just and lasting peace. We are interested in that peace. We want that peace.

The United States must continue our resolute support for Ukraine, showing our adversaries that we are a reliable partner and that attacks on democracy will not go unanswered.

We need to prove, particularly after our withdrawal from Afghanistan, that our allies can rely on us and our adversaries should fear us.

Mr. President, I thank you for your engagement today and, in the past, the things that you have secured to see that there is a bright future for the people in Ukraine.

And I thank you, Mr. President, for my time on the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. 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.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT  
TROY S. KNUTSON-COLLINS

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. President, today I honor the life and legacy of SSG Troy

S. Knutson-Collins. He was a patriot that made the ultimate sacrifice serving his country while deployed to Lithuania this March. His dedication, honor, and courage live on through his children Braylee, Kendra, Emery, Leif, and Skadi; his wife Ayrelle; and his parents Robert and Tonja.

Born in Battle Creek, MI, in 1996, Troy graduated from Harper Creek High School in 2015. He played semi-professional football before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 20. Troy's dad says he was destined to work with tools from a young age, and he became a decorated mechanic for the Army stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. He deployed twice to South Korea and was on his deployment in Lithuania at the time of his passing.

His pursuit of excellence earned him numerous awards, including two Army Commendation Medals, one Army Achievement Medal, two Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Master Technician Badge. He was described as an expert, an incredibly talented mechanic, and a warrior by his commanding officers.

Troy was not only a dedicated servicemember but also a loving husband and a devoted father to his five children. He was a man of integrity, kindness, and unwavering love for his family and friends. He was a passionate football fan, a skilled woodworker, and always full of energy. He brought a bright light to the lives of those around him. His sudden passing has left an unimaginable void in the lives of his family, friends, and fellow servicemembers.

We thank the more than 150 people from the U.S., Polish, and Lithuanian Armed Forces and other rescuers who took part in the recovery mission. We remember the lives of the three other soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, who lost their lives alongside Troy: Jose Duenez, Edwin Franco, and Dante Taitano. These soldiers were a part of United States-led NATO Operation Atlantic Resolve to enhance deterrence along the alliance's eastern flank. It is a testament to the important mission they were all serving that multiple countries joined forces and worked tirelessly to bring them home.

His loss is felt deeply by the soldiers in his unit, the Army community, his friends, and his family. His service and sacrifice serve as an example to us all. We are lucky to live in a country with tireless patriots like SSG Knutson-Collins. May his memory continue to inspire those who seek to serve and foster positive change in our world.

TOWN OF WHITING 200TH  
ANNIVERSARY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Town of Whiting, ME, observes its bicentennial this July with a 3-day celebration that includes a Revolutionary