

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask that the scheduled vote be commenced immediately.

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

VOTE ON GRIFFITH NOMINATION

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. 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 assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 375 Ex.]

YEAS—54

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

NAYS—43

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gallogo Hickenlooper Murphy

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). 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.

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 assistant bill clerk read as follows:

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. 81, Scott Kupor, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, Thom Tillis, Markwayne Mullin, John Barrasso, John R. Curtis, Joni Ernst, Deb Fischer, Pete Ricketts, Roger Marshall, Chuck Grassley, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Cassidy, Jon A. Husted, Mike Rounds, John Kennedy, Katie Boyd Britt.

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 Scott Kupor, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years, 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 North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "Yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 376 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

Gallogo Murphy Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 46. 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 Scott Kupor, of California, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:05 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:43 p.m., recessed until 2:05 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. BANKS).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

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.

VOTE ON BEDFORD NOMINATION

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 377 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	Shaheen
Crapo	Lummis	Sheehy
Cruz	Marshall	Sullivan
Curtis	McConnell	Thune
Daines	McCormick	Tuberville
Ernst	Moody	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Young

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Booker	Duckworth
Bennet	Cantwell	Durbin
Blumenthal	Coons	Fetterman
Blunt Rochester	Cortez Masto	Gillibrand

Hassan	Merkley	Slotkin
Heinrich	Murray	Smith
Hickenlooper	Osoff	Van Hollen
Hirono	Padilla	Warner
Kaine	Peters	Warnock
Kelly	Reed	Warren
Kim	Rosen	Welch
King	Sanders	Whitehouse
Klobuchar	Schatz	Wyden
Lujan	Schiff	
Markey	Schumer	

## NOT VOTING—4

Alsobrooks	Murphy
Gallego	Tillis

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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.

## 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. 58, William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John R. Curtis, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger Marshall, Jim Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Hagerty, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Marsha Blackburn, Tim Sheehy.

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 William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "Yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 378 Ex.]

## YEAS—51

Banks	Blackburn	Britt
Barrasso	Boozman	Budd

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

## NAYS—44

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

## NOT VOTING—5

Alsobrooks	Lummis	Tillis
Gallego	Murphy	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 44, and the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

## ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, on Independence Day, it truly was an Independence Day for the citizens of this Nation. And our President, President Trump, made history. He signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill, a once-in-a-generation victory that fulfills his promise to make America great again.

Across the board, this legislation will do so much for the citizens of this great Nation. And, of course, it will have such a positive impact on the lives of hard-working Tennesseans. It provides the largest tax cut in our Nation's history and that, no doubt, is going to supercharge our economy.

Now, for the State of Tennessee, Tennessee households will save an average of \$2,600 each year in taxes. The families in our State will see an average take-home pay boost of over \$10,000 each year.

These are numbers that we have received from the Council of Economic Advisers. By providing the largest ever investment in border security, this legislation empowers the Department of Homeland Security to complete President Trump's border wall and also to hire thousands of Border Patrol agents.

By eliminating hundreds of billions of dollars in far-left Green New Deal

spending, it puts our Nation on a more sustainable fiscal path. By bolstering our military, it ensures that we can, indeed, achieve peace through strength. By enacting commonsense permitting reforms, it helps to make American energy dominant again.

Now, these are some of the top-line accomplishments. For months, Republicans worked to include as many wins as possible in the One Big Beautiful Bill. I have long fought to eliminate taxes on Social Security, which is why I am so pleased that we were able to secure a \$6,000 enhanced deduction for each of our seniors. And that is an annual deduction—\$6,000 per individual, per year. It also makes permanent the enhanced child tax credit while expanding access to childcare provided by employers.

These measures, which I have argued for, will empower working parents to keep their jobs while having the time to rear their children.

Year after year, I have introduced legislation that would require our Border Patrol to DNA test and fingerprint children who arrive at our Nation's borders without their parents. These measures would help end the modern-day slavery of human trafficking, and they were signed into law as part of the Big Beautiful Bill.

To support our military and our research communities in Tennessee, I was pleased to secure increased funding for our Oak Ridge National Lab and the U.S. Coast Guard in Memphis.

The legislation also levels the playing field for Tennessee's independent music creators by including my HITS Act, which provides them with additional tax relief for writing off their recording expenses.

In short, Tennesseans and Americans have so much to celebrate with this legislation, but because it was delivered by President Trump and Republicans, our friends across the aisle have resorted to fearmongering and lying about it.

Some have claimed that the Big Beautiful Bill will kick Tennessee families off Medicaid. That is false. In fact, Tennesseans will see zero cuts to their Medicaid benefits. Instead, the legislation actually strengthens Medicaid by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in a program that saw more than \$1 trillion in improper payments over the last decade.

Those numbers come from a government audit. Twenty-five percent of the payments that are made by Medicaid are improper payments. So by placing work requirements, which are common sense, on childless, able-bodied adults in Medicaid expansion States, it protects benefits for vulnerable Americans who rely on Medicaid, including pregnant women, seniors, low-income families, and people with disabilities.

It also removes Federal benefits for more than 1 million illegal aliens who are receiving free healthcare paid for courtesy of the U.S. taxpayer.

Other Democrats have claimed that the One Big Beautiful Bill is a tax cut