

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. SMITH) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 411 Leg.]

#### YEAS—51

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

#### NAYS—48

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

#### NOT VOTING—1

Smith

The bill (H.R. 4), as amended, was passed.

### MORNING BUSINESS

#### TRIBUTE TO ASTER HARRISON

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Aster for her hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Aster attends Casper College and hopes to attend law school after completing her bachelor's. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Aster for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. President, I missed the following vote, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 316, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 145, Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### H.R. 4

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the Rescissions Act of 2025, H.R. 4, it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit to the bill:

(1) A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) remove any rescissions that may undermine the public broadcasting infrastructure that supports the access of communities to emergency alert systems.

Mr. President, Senator ANGELA ALSOBROOKS of Maryland supports the motion to recommit bill H.R. 4 to the Senate Committee on Appropriations to eliminate rescissions that would undermine the public broadcasting infrastructure that supports the access of communities to emergency alert systems. Senator ALSOBROOKS knows the role of public radio and television in ensuring communities have access to information and emergency alerts.

#### H.R. 4

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, as the Senate debates H.R. 4, I would like to state for the record two motions I have to address some issues with the Rescissions Act of 2025 that I believe the Senate must consider:

The following are motions to recommit in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Appropriations:

Mr. BENNET moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike provisions that prevent Americans in rural communities from having access to Wireless Emergency Alerts or presidential emergency alerts.

Mr. BENNET moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike provisions that prevent American children from having access to civics education or the opportunity to learn about our democratic system of government.

This legislation would cut \$1.1 billion in funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports over 1,500 public radio and television stations across the country, including over 50 in Colorado. Colorado outlets stand to lose over \$7.6 million in funding—with a disproportionate effect for rural and Tribal communities across the State. News organizations like Colorado Public Radio, Rocky Mountains PBS, and smaller stations like KRZA in Alamosa and KVNF in Paonia are at risk. Not only does CPB funding provide needed resources for local out-

lets—the lifeblood of our democracy, responsible for ensuring informed debate and holding power to account—but these funds also support a wide array of free, easily accessible educational programming and resources for our children. Moreover, rescinding these funds would jeopardize key elements of our Nation's emergency alert architecture, including the Wireless Emergency Alert System and the Public Radio Satellite System. This proposal's principal outcome will be the further erosion of our local media, the impoverishment of our children's educational opportunities, and the dismantling of our country's critical emergency infrastructure that saves countless lives every year. I urge my colleagues to support these motions and reject the legislation before us today.

#### H.R. 4

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following motion to recommit for the bill H.R. 4 be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### Motion to Recommit With Instructions

Mr. COONS moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would prohibit the Director of the Office of Management and Budget from authorizing the use of amounts from accounts that are not subject to rescissions made by the bill for activities funded by accounts that are subject to rescissions made by the bill.

#### H.R. 4

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following motion to recommit for the bill H.R. 4 be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that are within the jurisdiction of such committee and would ensure that no rescission of funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting impedes or stops public television stations from producing or broadcasting local news and homegrown content to rural, remote, and underserved communities.

#### H.R. 4

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the rescissions bill, H.R. 4, it is my intention, along with Senators PETERS, BLUNT ROCHESTER, and REED, to make a motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would ensure that no recipient of funds from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that is designated as a Primary Entry Point, National Primary, State Primary, State Relay, State Relay Network, Local Primary, or Participating National (as those terms are defined in section 11.18 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations) in the Emergency Alert System would lose funding as a result of the rescissions in the bill.

#### H.R. 4

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I oppose H.R. 4 and believe it reflects profoundly misplaced priorities for America. Accordingly, it is my intention to make the following motions to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back to the Senate with changes that include eliminating the rescission of Migration and Refugee Assistance funds and International Disaster Assistance funds, including such funds that support activities of faith-based organizations or their local partners.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back to the Senate with changes that include eliminating the rescission of any funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that supports pre-K educational programming.

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back to the Senate with changes that include eliminating the rescission of any funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for any broadcasts and media stations that disseminate information during natural disasters and national emergencies.

#### H.R. 4

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following motions to recommit for the bill H.R. 4 be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

1. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescission of funding that supports public broadcasting in Massachusetts.

2. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescissions to programs that support Palestinian refugees within the Migration and Refugee Assistance account.

3. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescissions to programs that support refugees within the Migration and Refugee Assistance account.

4. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescissions to programs within the Global Health Programs account that support child and maternal health, including through increased access to reproductive health care and family planning.

5. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescissions to programs within the Economic Support Fund account that support human rights.

6. A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would strike any rescissions to programs within the Economic Support Fund account that support mitigating and addressing the risks of climate change.

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following motion to recommit for the bill H.R. 4 be placed in the Congressional Record:

A motion to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would preserve investments in a just energy transition and in clean, reliable, and affordable energy buildout through development finance investments in Africa that maximize market opportunities for United States companies and save lives.

#### H.R. 4

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, when the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) strike provisions that would cut funding from broadcast stations that receive more than 30 percent of their annual budget from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) strike provisions that would lead to cuts to the Public Radio Satellite System, which enables national emergency alerts.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) strike provisions that would result in rural broadcast stations ceasing service.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) strike provisions that would reduce access to free educational public broadcasting content for low-income and rural communities.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) strike provisions that would cut funding from any broadcast station that is the only broadcast station serving its local community.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill:

A motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations to the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would ensure that the bill would not threaten communities in rural and remote areas ability to receive life-saving emergency alerts and warnings, like those related to flash floods, wildfires, extreme heat, snowstorms, earthquake, and tornadoes.

When the Senate considers the rescissions bill it is my intention to make the following motion to recommit the bill: