

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

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 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 464 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

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

#### NAYS—45

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

#### NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Kelly	Tillis
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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 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. 59, Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, 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. 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 Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 465 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

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

#### NAYS—44

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

#### NOT VOTING—4

Gallego	Warnock	Kelly
Tillis		

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, 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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

#### 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. 118, David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

John Thune, Tommy Tuberville, Bernie Moreno, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, John R. Curtis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Katie Boyd Britt, Roger Marshall, Pete Ricketts, John Boozman, David McCormick, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Rick Scott of Florida, Eric Schmitt, Lindsey Graham.

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 David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 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 Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 466 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

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

#### NAYS—45

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

#### NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Kelly	Tillis
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 45. 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 David Woll, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rosen  
Sanders  
Schatz  
Schiff  
Schumer

Shaheen  
Slotkin  
Smith  
Van Hollen  
Warner

Warnock  
Warren  
Welch  
Whitehouse  
Wyden

## NOT VOTING—3

Gallego

Kelly

Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 45, and the motion is agreed to.

The motion was 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 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. 165, Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Bernie Moreno, Tommy Tuberville, Kevin Cramer, Ron Johnson, Shelley Moore Capito, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Marsha Blackburn, Roger Marshall, Jon A. Husted, Roger F. Wicker, Jim Banks, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Ted Budd, David McCormick.

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 Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education, 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).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 467 Ex.]

## YEAS—52

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

## NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Durbin	Klobuchar
Baldwin	Fetterman	Lujan
Bennet	Gillibrand	Markley
Blumenthal	Hassan	Merkley
Blunt Rochester	Heinrich	Murphy
Booker	Hickenlooper	Murray
Cantwell	Hirono	Ossoff
Coons	Kaine	Padilla
Cortez Masto	Kim	Peters
Duckworth	King	Reed

and how they are spent. We make decisions about how to avoid spending that is wasteful. And that appropriation process has been absent for way too long in this body.

The bills that we are about to consider—and there will be a unanimous consent request made by me in a few moments, and that unanimous consent request will ask that four appropriations bills be considered by the U.S. Senate beginning this evening.

Four appropriations bills because those four appropriations bills have come through the committee process. Almost without exception, they have been approved in a largely bipartisan way—in many instances unanimously by every Republican and Democrat on the committee. And in every instance, they were passed by both, supported by both Republicans and Democrats.

The Appropriations Committee, although we, from time to time, have our challenges like every other committee in the Senate, has a reputation for working together to get a good result. And we are accomplishing that in the efforts that we are bringing to the Senate, to our colleagues tonight, to the American people, to see our work product on four bills.

That process requires unanimous consent—that every Member, all 100 of us, has an opportunity to make certain that they are ready to proceed. It is required because we are amending, we are adding these bills to a House bill on the Senate floor. And to do so, we have to ask every Senator: Do we have your permission to do so? And that is what is going to take place here in a moment.

The bills we are talking about tonight, the bill that is on the Senate floor, the House bill, the package by which we have to utilize because the Constitution requires that appropriations bills commence in the House of Representatives—so a House bill is on the Senate floor this evening, and we are going to ask unanimous consent to add three other bills to that House bill. Those three other bills are Agriculture, the Legislative Branch, and Commerce-Justice-Science.

And I hope I am somewhat of an expert on many of the topics included in those four bills, but I chair the subcommittee in the Appropriations Committee that appropriates for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, and a collection of Agencies involved in science. And in that effort to find a balance and support our bills—and I will speak to the one that I am most familiar with—we have worked in a bipartisan way to create a product that is broadly supported by every Member of the committee, at least has the thought that they had a good chance and opportunity to participate in the process and got a bipartisan result.

For my colleagues who know me, I came here to legislate. I have had the opportunity to work in the U.S. Senate where legislation has been more rare

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, it is a pleasure to be here on the Senate floor tonight on an occasion that many of us, if not all of us, have waited days, months, years. We have been working a long time to return the U.S. Senate to the position in which we actually legislate, to the position in which appropriations bills, after a topline number, a budget number is determined, Committee on Appropriations begins the deliberation after weeks, months of consideration, of information, of witnesses, of testimony, of reports, and requests from our colleagues across the Senate.

Sometimes I think the appropriators are thought of as a unique group of people, but isn't the reality that every Member of the U.S. Senate is an appropriator? That is because when the committee finishes its work, upon our conclusion of our deliberations and our votes, then every Member of the U.S. Senate has an opportunity to speak and to amend the legislation that we have developed.

Appropriations is really an opportunity for us to make sure that the taxpayers' dollars are well spent, that we look for opportunities to reduce spending where it is inappropriate, and support projects and functions of government that matter to the American people, from things that affect people in their daily lives to the broad picture of our country's national security.

So I congratulate the leaders of the Senate. The majority leader, who upon his election to serve as majority leader, determined that he was going to be certain that we returned to something we called, in days gone by, regular order in which the committee passes 12 appropriations bills, and the Senate considers those 12 appropriations bills.

They are considered by the House, and when conferenced and reconciled, off to the President. In the absence of that, the Congress of the United States and my colleagues in the Senate, we lose authority and control over one of our primary responsibilities. On behalf of the American people, we make decisions about their hard-earned dollars