

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the cloture motions filed on July 31 be waived.

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. 322, Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

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 for quorum under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 491 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Murkowski
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	Tillis
Daines	McCormick	Tuberville
Ernst	Moody	Young

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Blumenthal	Cantwell
Baldwin	Blunt Rochester	Coons
Bennet	Booker	Cortez Masto

Duckworth	Klobuchar	Schatz
Durbin	Lujan	Schiff
Fetterman	Markey	Schumer
Gillibrand	Merkley	Shaheen
Hassan	Murphy	Slotkin
Heinrich	Murray	Smith
Hickenlooper	Ossoff	Van Hollen
Hirono	Padilla	Warner
Kaine	Peters	Warnock
Kelly	Reed	Warren
Kim	Rosen	Whitehouse
King	Sanders	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Gallego	Welch	Wicker
McConnell		

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 51, and 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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The majority leader.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Tuesday, August 5 at 1 p.m.; Friday, August 8 at 1:05 p.m.; Tuesday, August 12 at 8 a.m.; Friday, August 15 at 10:15 a.m.; Tuesday, August 19 at 10 a.m.; Friday, August 22 at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, August 26 at noon; and Friday, August 29 at 7 a.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, August 29, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 115, S. 2296; finally, notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motion filed on Saturday, August 2 ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I ask that the following disposition of the Molinaro nomination and the recognition of the majority leader to dispense with wrapup items, including filing cloture on the MTP to NDAA, it stand adjourned under the previous order.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the votes going forward be 10 minutes in length and that people stay here so we can roll through them as quickly as possible.

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

NOMINATION OF JEANINE PIRRO

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, later today, the Senate will vote on the nomination of Jeanine Pirro to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. I urge my colleagues to examine this nominee's record and oppose her nomination.

I have heard some of my Republican colleagues claim that Senate Democrats are blocking U.S. attorney nominees in an unprecedented fashion. That is simply not true.

Two years ago, then-Senator VANCE announced he would block all U.S. Attorney nominees in order to "grind the [the Justice Department] to a halt."

I went to the floor eight times seeking unanimous consent to quickly confirm the U.S. attorney nominees whom Senator VANCE was blocking.

Senator VANCE argued it was no problem to take rollcall votes on U.S. attorney nominees, stating that it is "not too much to ask . . . to vote on cloture and vote on these nominees on the record."

I have said time and again that there cannot be one set of rules for Republicans and one for Democrats. That said, I am willing to work with my Senate colleagues on a path forward.

However, President Trump is not making it easy to reach an agreement when he insists on installing MAGA loyalists as interim U.S. attorneys without Senate confirmation.

U.S. attorneys are supposed to be apolitical law enforcement officials focused on protecting public safety. But shortly after her interim appointment to the District of New Jersey, Alina Habba told a news outlet that she aimed to "turn New Jersey red."

And just last year, John Sarcone, the interim U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York said the Democratic Party is "evil in my opinion."

District of Nevada interim U.S. attorney Sigal Chattah has a long trail of extreme, hateful comments. To take just a few examples, she called a Black Member of Congress a "hood rat"; called a Black woman prosecutor "ghetto"; called a prominent Black entertainer a "monkey"; and said that Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford, who is Black, "should be hanging from

a f-ing crane." And these outrageous comments are just the tip of the iceberg.

Do these sound like apolitical prosecutors who are focused on keeping their communities safe? Notably, the White House has not even bothered to try working with home State Senators in each of these districts to find a consensus U.S. attorney candidates. Instead, the administration is trying to make an end-run around the Senate. This should be deeply troubling to all of us.

Which brings me to Ms. Pirro, the latest Trump loyalist nominated to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. For decades, Ms. Pirro has demonstrated that she prioritizes her relationship with President Trump over almost everything else.

Ms. Pirro repeated falsehoods about the 2020 election to millions of viewers, compelling Fox News to pay nearly \$800 million to settle defamation claims brought by Dominion Voting Systems. For example, Ms. Pirro falsely claimed that Dominion "started in Venezuela with Cuban money" and that the company had a software backdoor to flip votes.

She has called January 6 rioters "hostages" and complained about the 22-year sentence imposed on Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, arguing that he should not be subject to such a long prison term.

Notably, a judge found that Tarrio's actions led to "two hundred men amped up for battle encircling the Capitol." After his release, Tarrio posted a video of himself stalking officers who defended the Capitol on January 6.

Ms. Pirro has argued that prosecutors handling January 6 cases should be criminally prosecuted themselves. And now she is nominated to lead the office where many of these prosecutors still work, if they haven't been fired by Emil Bove already.

When I met with her last month, I asked Ms. Pirro if she always accepted assignments given to her by supervisors when she was an assistant district attorney. Unsurprisingly, she said yes.

But when I asked her whether it was appropriate to terminate prosecutors for their work on January 6 prosecutions, she wouldn't answer. She also claimed that she hadn't fired anybody.

Yet since Ms. Pirro became the interim U.S. attorney, three career prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office, including the leader of the Capitol Siege Section, were fired by DOJ. It is hard to believe that she had no knowledge of these terminations.

I am also concerned that Ms. Pirro continues to justify the Trump administration's unlawful actions.

Just days before she became the interim U.S. attorney, she argued that the administration could deport immigrants without due process, claiming that the Fifth Amendment "says nothing about illegals, so cut the crap"

As Ms. Pirro knows full well, the Fifth Amendment applies to everyone present in the United States as it states that "No person . . . shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Ms. Pirro has proven to be a willing accomplice in weaponizing the justice system to protect President Trump's allies and go after his enemies. I urge my colleagues to oppose this nomination.

VOTE ON PIRRO NOMINATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Pirro nomination?

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

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 Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

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

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 492 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—45

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

NOT VOTING—5

Gallego	Scott (SC)	Wicker
McConnell	Welch	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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. 162, Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

John Thune, Bill Hagerty, Tommy Tuberville, John Boozman, Mike Rounds, James Lankford, Lindsey Graham, Ted Budd, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, Markwayne Mullin, Ron Johnson, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, Marsha Blackburn, John R. Curtis, Katie Boyd Britt.

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 Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, 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 Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 76, nays 19, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 493 Ex.]

YEAS—76

Baldwin	Graham	Ossoff
Banks	Grassley	Paul
Barrasso	Hagerty	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Heinrich	Risch
Britt	Hoeven	Rosen
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Capito	Johnson	Schiff
Cassidy	Justice	Schmitt
Collins	Kaine	Schumer
Coons	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	King	Sheehy
Cotton	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Cramer	Lankford	Smith
Crapo	Lee	Sullivan
Cruz	Lummis	Thune
Curtis	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McCormick	Tuberville
Duckworth	Moody	Warner
Durbin	Moran	Warnock
Ernst	Moreno	Young
Fetterman	Mullin	
Fischer	Murkowski	

NAYS—19

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Merkley
Blumenthal	Hirono	Murphy
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Murray
Booker	Lujan	
Gillibrand	Markey	