

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	

Padilla            Van Hollen            Whitehouse  
Sanders            Warren            Wyden

## NOT VOTING—5

Gallego            Scott (SC)            Wicker  
McConnell            Welch

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 76, the nays are 19. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

## CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, on roll-call vote No. 493, I voted no. It was my intention to vote yea; therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not change the outcome.

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

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

## VOTE ON LINDBERG NOMINATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I know of no further debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Lindberg nomination?

Mr. MURPHY. 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 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 78, nays 17, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 494 Ex.]

## YEAS—78

Baldwin	Daines	Kelly
Banks	Duckworth	Kennedy
Barrasso	Durbin	King
Bennet	Ernst	Klobuchar
Blackburn	Fetterman	Lankford
Boozman	Fischer	Lee
Britt	Gillibrand	Lummis
Budd	Graham	Marshall
Cantwell	Grassley	McCormick
Capito	Hagerty	Moody
Cassidy	Hassan	Moran
Collins	Hawley	Moreno
Coons	Heinrich	Mullin
Cornyn	Hickenlooper	Murkowski
Cortez Masto	Hoeven	Ossoff
Cotton	Husted	Paul
Cramer	Hyde-Smith	Peters
Crapo	Johnson	Reed
Cruz	Justice	Ricketts
Curtis	Kaine	Risch

Rosen	Scott (FL)	Thune
Rounds	Shaheen	Tillis
Schatz	Sheehy	Tuberville
Schiff	Slotkin	Warner
Schmitt	Smith	Warnock
Schumer	Sullivan	Young

## NAYS—17

Alsobrooks	Lujan	Sanders
Blumenthal	Markey	Van Hollen
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Warren
Booker	Murphy	Whitehouse
Hirono	Murray	Wyden
Kim	Padilla	

## NOT VOTING—5

Gallego	Scott (SC)	Wicker
McConnell	Welch	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

## CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, on roll-call vote No. 494, I voted no. It was my intention to vote yea; therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not change the outcome.

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

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.

The majority leader.

## CLOTURE MOTIONS WITHDRAWN

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motions with respect to Hanson, Arrigo, Cairncross, Telle, and Molinaro nominations be withdrawn and the Senate vote on confirmation in the order listed.

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

Mr. THUNE. That makes only five more votes. If we can stay tight here and roll through them, we can get this wrapped up quickly.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the Hanson nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Catherine Hanson, of South Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

## VOTE ON HANSON NOMINATION

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

Mr. MURPHY. 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. 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. 495 Ex.]

## YEAS—50

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Murkowski
Britt	Hawley	Paul
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
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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 considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the Arrigo nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Arrigo, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic.

## VOTE ON ARRIGO NOMINATION

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

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, 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 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), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr.