

conservative activist Charlie Kirk had died after being shot today while speaking at an event on the campus of Utah Valley University.

Political violence, which this attack seems to be, has no place in this country—none. I am deeply disturbed by the threat of violence that has entered our political life, and I pray that we will remember that every person, no matter how vehement our disagreement with them, is a human being and fellow American deserving of respect and protection.

My prayers are with Charlie Kirk's wife and children and his whole family, with the doctors and nurses who cared for him, and with all those who were present at the shooting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

VOTE ON MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to table the Senate amendment No. 3849.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. 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 executive clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 512 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Murkowski
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	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young

NAYS—49

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

The motion was agreed to.

(Mr. HUSTED assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE). The majority leader.

AMENDMENT NO. 3863 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3427

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3863 to amendment No. 3427.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

At the end add the following:

“This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment.”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3864

Mr. THUNE. I have an amendment to the text of the underlying bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3864 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3748.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

At the end add the following:

“This Act shall take effect 2 days after the date of enactment.”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask for the yeas and nays on my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3865 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3864

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3865 to amendment No. 3864.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “2 days” and insert “3 days”

MOTION TO RECOMMIT WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3866

Mr. THUNE. I move to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] moves to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions with an amendment numbered 3866.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

At the end add the following:

“This Act shall take effect 4 days after the date of enactment.”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask reading be dispensed with.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask for yeas and nays on the motion to commit instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3867

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have an amendment to the instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3867 to the instructions of the motion to recommit.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “4 days” and insert “5 days”

Mr. THUNE. I ask consent that the reading be waived.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask for yeas and nays on my amendment.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 3868 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3867

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 3868 to amendment No. 3867.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike “5 days” and insert “6 days”

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask consent that the reading be waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA CUBIN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Barbara Cubin, former U.S. House Representative and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming's 2025 Person of the Year.

Barbara's dedication to Wyoming runs deep. She is a voice for the values of the West. Through a distinguished career in public service, Barbara has represented Casper, Natrona County, and Wyoming at the State and Federal levels. Her selection as this year's honoree is well-deserved.

Barbara was raised in Casper by her parents Russell and Barbara Sage. As a fifth-generation Wyomingite, she developed strong ties to the community and State. In 1965, she graduated from Natrona County High School. She went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Creighton University in Nebraska.

After graduation, Barbara worked as a social worker for senior citizens and disabled adults. She was also a substitute math and science teacher and a chemist for the Wyoming Machinery Company.

In 1975, she met and married William Frederick "Fritz" Cubin, M.D., a Casper physician. Together, they raised two sons William "Bill" and Eric. During this time, Barbara managed Fritz's medical practice. She also continued to be active in the community, participating in the local parent-teacher association and as a volunteer.

With her family's support, Barbara's political career began in 1986, when she was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives. She represented Natrona County for 6 years. She later served in the Wyoming Senate from 1992 to 1994.

In 1994, Barbara successfully ran for Wyoming's at-large seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the Equality State, Wyoming is well-known for its notable, pioneering women. Barbara added her name to this list of trailblazing women by becoming the first woman to represent Wyoming in Congress.

She was sworn into the 104th U.S. Congress in January 1995. During her 14-year tenure, she served as the deputy majority whip, the secretary of the Republican Conference, and finally as the deputy Republican whip. She also served on the Commerce Committee—later renamed the Energy and Commerce Committee—and as the chair of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee.

Barbara cofounded the Congressional Mining Caucus, known today as the Congressional Western Caucus. Its members advocate for commonsense policies that promote domestic energy production and fight against Federal overreach.

In all ways, Barbara was pro-energy and pro-Wyoming. She championed legislation that reduced Federal royalties on soda ash production, increased the acreage limits on Federal sodium mines, and supported an "all of the above" national energy portfolio.

She also was passionate about preserving Wyoming's heritage. In 1998, she passed legislation establishing the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper. The center's free, interactive exhibits highlight the real-life stories of America's westward migration and how they defined Wyoming. Last November, I joined my congressional colleagues in introducing legislation to rename the center as the Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in her honor.

Barbara's final term ended in January 2009. I had the honor of working alongside her at the beginning of my first term in the U.S. Senate. It was a privilege to serve the people of Wyoming together.

On September 17, 2025, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming will host their 27th Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast in Casper. This event will honor Barbara Cubin for her dedication and service to the State of Wyoming.

I am confident her family will join many others in celebrating her achievements. They include son Dr. Eric and Dr. Jonna Cubin, of Casper, and their children Barbara, Vivian, and Lily; son Bill and Jessica Cubin, of Casper, and their children Will and Reagan; as well as her late husband Fritz.

Barbara's selection as the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming's 2025 Person of the Year is a fitting tribute to her decades of public service. A symbol of strength and perseverance, Barbara continues to make important contributions to her community. She lives by the principles of the Code of the West: living each day with courage and doing what needs to be done.

It is an honor to recognize Barbara Cubin for this honor and for her many years of public service.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 504, confirmation of the nomination of Edward Artau to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 505, confirmation of the nomination of Maria Lanahan to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 506, the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert Law to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 507, confirmation of the nomination of Robert Law to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 508, the motion to in-

voke cloture on the nomination of Kyle Dudek to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 509, confirmation of the nomination of Kyle Dudek to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 510, the motion to table the Schumer Point of Order related to S. Res. 377.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was recovering from COVID and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 511, the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider S. Res. 377.

TRIBUTE TO MELISSA APPLETON

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, today I am proud to celebrate Melissa Appleton, a true champion for children, families, and the future of post-permanency support. As a leader in the Post-Permanency Program at Lund, Melissa's impact on the lives of children and families in Vermont is truly unmatched.

With nearly two decades of experience providing exceptional post-permanency services, Melissa brings a rare combination of clinical expertise, ethical leadership, and compassionate advocacy to her work as Lund's post-permanency services coordinator. Her initiative, insight, and deep commitment to family-centered practices ensure that the Lund Post-Permanency Program remains a model of excellence.

Vermonters praise Melissa for the support and empowerment she provides. For that reason alone, she is a wonderful nominee for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption honor. But it is also Melissa's extraordinary commitment to empowering diversity and inclusion through her work and at the recommendation of those who have witnessed her dedication that I submit her name for this honor today. Under Melissa's value-driven guidance, staff are encouraged to grow, reflect, and lead.

Melissa's tireless commitment to making life better for children in need is further evident in her advocacy to secure additional funding and support for the post-permanency programs in Vermont. She played an instrumental role in writing and securing a grant that will bring a dedicated clinician into the program to support children and families.

Vermonters like Melissa Appleton are at the heart of what makes our State so special and such a wonderful place to grow up and raise a family. She has truly raised the bar for what it