

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 5371, a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes, 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 Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "Yea".

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 576 Leg.]

#### YEAS—50

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

#### NAYS—43

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

#### NOT VOTING—7

Curtis	Murkowski	Welch
Duckworth	Sanders	
Fetterman	Tillis	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 50, and the nays are 43.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is not agreed to.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

#### MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371, a bill making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

John Thune, James E. Risch, Tim Sheehy, John Cornyn, Mike Rounds, John R. Curtis, Jim Justice, Katie Boyd Britt, Todd Young, David McCormick, Bill Hagerty, Marsha Blackburn, Rick Scott of Florida, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Lindsey Graham.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 458.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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. 458, Bill Lewis, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

John Thune, Bernie Moreno, Katie Boyd Britt, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Sheehy, Jon Husted, Eric Schmitt, Jim Justice, James E. Risch, Tom Cotton, Steve Daines, Ted Budd, John R. Curtis, John Boozman.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

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

#### 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.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING BY THE HEARTH BOOKSHOP & COFFEEHOUSE

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to honor By the Hearth Bookshop & Coffeehouse of Davis County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

After moving to Iowa from Washington State, husband and wife duo Joshua and Kerry Williams founded By the Hearth Bookshop & Coffeehouse in Bloomfield, IA, in 2024. They opened the shop as a warm, inviting space for sharing stories and creating connections. By the Hearth quickly became a place for creativity and conversation. The shop offers a thoughtfully curated selection of books, stationery, gifts, toys, games, and more alongside a cozy coffeehouse serving drinks, sandwiches, and pizzas.

With over two decades of experience in the coffee industry, Joshua envisioned a place where a good book and a great cup of coffee could bring people together. Kerry, a homeschool mother of four, uses her experience as an educator while serving as the shop's primary buyer and curator. Her passion for children's literature and home learning shines through the store's extensive selection of books and educational tools for readers of all ages. Their son Micah also assists with the business by building their website and other behind-the-scenes work. Together, this small but mighty team of three has created a welcoming space where the Bloomfield community can shop for books, stationery, and gifts while enjoying the menu of coffeehouse offerings. In less than a year, By the Hearth Bookshop & Coffeehouse has become far more than a retail store, it is a gathering place for members of the community. The shop offers weekly children's story times, book clubs, and specialized tutoring sessions, fostering a love of learning and literacy. Its adjoining event center has also become a popular venue for weddings, baby showers, corporate trainings, and outreach programs, while the coffeehouse serves as a favorite local spot for handcrafted beverages, sandwiches, pizzas, and desserts.

The Williams' commitment to service extends beyond their shop's walls. Their space regularly hosts meetings for local organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club, and hospital training seminars. Joshua also serves on the board of the Bloomfield

Main Street organization where he chairs the design committee. Most recently, they received Bloomfield Main Street's "Spiffy Biz Award," celebrating businesses that enhance the beauty and vitality of the community. Guided by their motto, "Keep Reading," Joshua and Kerry aim to cultivate not only a love of books but also a sense of belonging and shared purpose. As Joshua describes it, "We wanted to create a space where old friends could meet, and new friends could be discovered." Through hard work, dedication, and a heart for others, Joshua and Kerry have transformed their dream into a thriving community cornerstone.

It is my honor to recognize the Williams family and By the Hearth Bookshop for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

H.J. Res. 106. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

The enrolled joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MORENO, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 3017. A bill to require updates to the threshold amounts applicable to certain currency transaction reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3018. A bill to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LEE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 457. A resolution designating the week beginning on October 19, 2025, as "Coal Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 237

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary to mint and issue certain Presidential and First Spouse coins.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to provide for the crediting of funds received by the National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1591

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for advertising and promotional expenses for certain drugs.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Transition Assistance Program and Solid Start Program to address mental health issues, and for other purposes.

S. 2166

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2166, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include child development and early learning as community services under the Federal work-study program, and for other purposes.

S. 2255

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Vermont