

of the use of the Insurrection Act by this President. I worry that our democracy will struggle to survive.

I believe so dearly in this country that I have taken an oath willingly and happily to uphold its Constitution. I have turned to military leaders under President's Trump first term that I respected, like General Milley, and asked him basic questions such as: Given a choice, are you going to take your orders from the Commander in Chief or from the Constitution?

He said: Always the Constitution.

We have a lot at stake now in this national debate. It is about a lot more than who gets the morning headline and who wins the next election. What is at stake is the future of our democracy, and this Insurrection Act can be misused by this President in ways unimaginable. We have seen evidence of it already in my State of Illinois and the city of Chicago.

I thank the Senator from Connecticut for leading us in this conversation that must continue.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today and join my colleagues in support of Senator BLUMENTHAL's bill to curtail the President's authority under the Insurrection Act. This legislation is critical, given President Trump's blatant disregard of our democratic values and the rule of law.

He has deployed National Guard troops throughout the United States over the objections of Governors, mayors, and the local communities. These deployments are intended to incite fear and distract from Republican attacks on healthcare, social services, and the release of the Epstein files.

Trump isn't keeping anyone safe. He is sowing chaos in our communities, not to mention fear. His plan could not be more clear: He wants to manufacture a confrontation. I fear his next step is to invoke the Insurrection Act, a law that was passed over 217 years ago.

This extreme action would allow Active-Duty troops to take the place of local law enforcement. Under the Insurrection Act, our military could execute search warrants and arrest American citizens.

We cannot allow this violation of civil liberties to happen over a crisis of President Trump's own making.

I support this legislation because it adds important checks on the President's power under the Insurrection Act. It would first require common-sense congressional approval; two, protect habeas corpus; and, three, provide a clear avenue for judicial review to ensure Americans' liberty and our safety are protected.

Now is not the time for the military to be distracted with domestic policing and President Trump's political agenda. Our troops are not trained or equipped to replace local law enforcement. Given the national security chal-

lenges that we face around the globe, our military's focus must be on their own readiness to do the mission that they are constituted to do.

But, instead, from the Department of Justice to the military, we have a President who is politicizing traditionally nonpartisan Agencies for his own political agenda. What could be more chaotic than that?

This bill is an opportunity for Congress to finally step in and check President Trump's abuse of power.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF ANNE-LEIGH GAYLORD MOE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Judge Moe is another example of President Trump's focus on nominating jurists who rule in favor in big business and conservative special interests, instead of serving as a neutral arbiter on the bench.

In a case involving a Florida law that makes it harder for plaintiffs to prove the amount of damages in a personal injury or wrongful death action, Judge Moe ruled in favor of defendants who sought to apply this law retroactively, despite the clear language of the law stating otherwise.

Her explanation for why she ignored the clear language of the statute strains credulity.

Republicans also claimed that Biden nominees who did not pass the Kennedy bar exam were not fit to serve on the Federal bench.

When asked where the Privileges and Immunities Clause is in the Constitution, Judge Moe could not correctly answer the question, nor could she answer what the Privileges and Immunities Clause does. And when asked about the Privileges or Immunities Clause, she similarly could not recall which amendment it is in, nor could she explain what it does.

As I have said many times before, there cannot be one standard for Democrats and one for Republicans. While the Kennedy bar exam is daunting for many nominees, if failing to answer questions for Biden nominees is disqualifying, the same should be said for Trump nominees.

I will oppose Judge Moe's nomination. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

VOTE ON MOE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Moe nomination?

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 580 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
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
Fischer	Moran	

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—1

Duckworth

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.

The majority leader.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Monday, October 20, ripen at time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, on Wednesday, October 22.

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

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.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has the right. The motion is withdrawn.

SHUTDOWN FAIRNESS ACT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 191, S. 3012.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 191, S. 3012, to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

## 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 191, S. 3012, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of excepted Federal employees for periods of work performed during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

John Thune, Ted Budd, Katie Boyd Britt, Ron Johnson, Roger Marshall, Tommy Tuberville, Jon Husted, Bernie Moreno, David McCormick, Roger F. Wicker, Rick Scott of Florida, Pete Ricketts, Steve Daines, Joni Ernst, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Shelley Moore Capito, Mike Rounds.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 471.

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 Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

## 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. 471, Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Jon Husted, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, Katie Boyd Britt, John Cornyn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, Pete Ricketts, Tim Sheehy, Jim Banks, Eric Schmitt, Chuck Grassley.

## MORNING BUSINESS

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO MELANIE CAMPBELL

• Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, it is my distinct honor to enter into the RECORD my heartfelt congratulations to Melanie Campbell on three decades of extraordinary leadership and commitment to civic engagement, service, justice, healthcare equity, and so much more.

She has served for over 30 years, shaping our country through politics, culture, and social activism. Her leadership at the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, NCBCP and its signature programs—the Black Women's Roundtable, BWR; Black Youth Vote, BYV, Unity Campaign; and NCBCP Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute at Clark Atlanta University—have inspired not just me, but countless Americans across our Nation. Whenever there has been a moment of injustice in this Nation, she runs toward it, not away. She has taken her fight from our Nation's Capital to Georgia to every corner of this country.

A true convener and inspiration, her dedication to fighting not only for Black women, but for Black families to build lives where they flourish has inspired my work as U.S. Senator. I don't want our families to just get by; I want them to have lives where they truly thrive.

I will never forget that we met at Community of Hope AME Church. I was told, "You need to meet Melanie! This is someone you must know." And they were absolutely right—not only because her work has inspired me and given me faith and purpose, but because she is also one of the kindest, warmest, most sincere women I have ever met.

I am so appreciative, as are the countless Black women she has inspired, for her 30 years of fighting. •

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(October 20, 2025)

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 582. A bill to provide for the authorized use of Federal vehicle transportation by certain astronauts (Rept. No. 119-82).

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 613. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-83).

S. 1492. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce support the leadership of the United States with respect to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-84).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1523. A bill to modify operations of the National Water Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-85).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1278. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct a project to improve forecasts of coastal marine fog, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-86).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 434. A bill to establish the Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-87).

S. 1378. A bill to enhance the use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of artificial intelligence for weather forecasting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-88).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. WELCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3019. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of orphan drugs under the Medicare