

less than a year on his maiden speech, and I rise as the senior-most Republican on the floor at this time to congratulate him on behalf of my colleagues on the Republican side.

ANDY KIM is going to cast votes that will be considered way further to the left than those that I will cast. There will be ratings that will rate him 100 percent and probably give me a zero, and on the conservative ratings, it will be close to the same in the other direction.

But having watched him, having listened to him, having attended Senate Prayer Breakfasts with ANDY KIM over the past few months, I know that he is someone whose heart is good and who will work with every Senator and every Member of the House to advance this Nation.

I am glad that Senator ANDY KIM mentioned "E pluribus unum," and I have learned a history lesson. I had never gone back to Cicero, but I found it interesting that Senator KIM went back and found that the verb there that allowed many to become one was "love" in the view of Cicero. And it reminded me of perhaps a passage that he might have heard or read from the New Testament in some of our Prayer Breakfasts, and that is when Jesus of Nazareth was asked by the experts, what was the greatest commandment? And Jesus answered: You should love your God with all your heart and soul and might; this is the first and great commandment.

But the second is alike unto it. The second greatest commandment is just like it, and that is "love your neighbor." And what that means to me, as someone who has been a Christian since my early days in grade school, is that in order to show that you actually love God, you must love your neighbor, and so I appreciate what we have learned from the New Testament and Cicero, which brings us to the great importance of working toward a more perfect Union. We will never have a perfect Union in this world, but out of many we can become one. And it is the kind of rhetoric and the kind of leadership that we have heard from our young colleague today that makes me more and more optimistic about that.

And so I commend my friend and my colleague, and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF ROBERT CHAMBERLIN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Robert Chamberlin to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

I will vote in opposition to Justice Chamberlin's confirmation to a lifetime appointment on the Federal bench. There are several reasons why I cannot support his nomination.

Justice Chamberlin's positions as a State legislator demonstrate that he holds extreme views that are out of the mainstream.

While serving as a State Senator, Justice Chamberlin cosponsored legis-

lation to advance so-called "fetal personhood" by expanding the definition of human being under State law to include every stage of gestation, beginning from conception.

He also cosponsored legislation that would allow healthcare providers to refuse treatment to patients if they claim it violates their conscience, without facing any liability.

But that is where his "pro-life" views end.

Although gun violence is the leading cause of death for American children, Justice Chamberlin voted for a bill making it illegal for Mississippi communities to sue gun manufacturers or dealers for faulty design, manufacture, distribution, or sale of firearms and ammunition.

With Justice Chamberlin's troubling record, we cannot trust that he will be fair and impartial if confirmed to the Federal bench. His record demonstrates a devotion to partisan politics, not the rule of law.

I cannot support this nomination, and I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. WICKER. After consulting with both sides of the aisle, I ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled rollcall vote commence immediately.

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

VOTE ON CHAMBERLIN NOMINATION

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

Ms. WARREN. 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.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE).

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

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 636 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

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—3

Capito	Duckworth	Justice
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). 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.

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 executive 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. 572, William J. Crain, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

John Thune, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Jon Husted, Joni Ernst, Shelley Moore Capito, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Jim Justice, Pete Ricketts, John Barrasso, Ted Budd, Eric Schmitt, Ashley B. Moody, Tom Cotton.

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 William J. Crain, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 637 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Blackburn	Britt
Barrasso	Boozman	Budd

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

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
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	
Hickenlooper	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—3

Capito	Duckworth	Justice
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, and the nays are 46. 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 William J. Crain, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM J. CRAIN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm William Crain to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

During his time as a State court judge, Justice Crain has repeatedly demonstrated his partisan ideology. In 2019, while serving as a State appellate court judge, Justice Crain ran for election to the Louisiana Supreme Court. He identified himself as the “most conservative” candidate and emphasized his pro-life credentials. His campaign materials identified him as “the conservative choice” and further noted that the Louisiana Republican Party had endorsed him to “protect Louisiana and keep a conservative lean on the state’s highest court.”

Justice Crain has not only campaigned as a far-right activist. He has also ruled as one from the bench. Throughout his career as a State court judge, Justice Crain has imposed extremely harsh criminal sentences. In case after case, his rulings show that he prefers to pursue his own “tough-on-crime” political agenda, instead of fairness and justice.

As a State district court judge, he once imposed a life sentence and a 40-year sentence on two defendants who had stolen cameras from a Walmart store. As a State supreme court jus-

tice, he dissented from a majority opinion finding that a 60-year sentence for a nonviolent drug offense was excessive. Justice Crain argued that his colleagues “deflect[ed] from the violence long associated with drug culture.” And in 2022, while on the Louisiana Supreme Court, Justice Crain dissented from the court’s majority opinion in *June Medical Services v. Landry* that prevented trigger statutes outlawing abortion from going into immediate effect.

This nominee’s extreme record on the State bench provides us with a clear view of how he will rule if he is confirmed to the Federal bench.

I oppose his nomination. I urge my colleagues to join me.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:06 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON CRAIN NOMINATION

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

Mr. DAINES. 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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

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) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 638 Ex.]

YEAS—49

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—5

Capito	Justice	Tuberville
Duckworth	Tillis	

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.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). 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. 573, James D. Maxwell II, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

John Thune, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Jon A. Husted, Joni Ernst, Shelley Moore Capito, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Mike Rounds, Bernie Moreno, Jim Justice, Pete Ricketts, John Barrasso, Ted Budd, Eric Schmitt, Ashley B. Moody, Tom Cotton.

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 James D. Maxwell II, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

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 West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

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) is necessary absent.