

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today is D-day—decision day—for Republican Senators. Will Republicans side with the American people and avert the disastrous impending healthcare crisis or will they abandon American families as premiums shoot through the roof come January 1?

In a few moments, the Senate will vote on two bills: the Republican bill and Democrat's clean, simple extension of the ACA tax credits.

I say to my Republican colleagues: Our bill is the last train to leave the station. It is the only realistic option before the Senate today that solves the healthcare crisis. If Republicans don't climb aboard, there won't be another chance to act before premiums skyrocket next year.

Now, Republicans have dithered long enough. Democrats are fighting to lower costs for the American people, while Republicans are fighting among themselves.

And let me say this about the Republican bill. The Republican bill is not true healthcare reform. It is not a healthcare plan whatsoever. It is junk insurance. The Republican bill is simply junk insurance.

For a while, it actually looked like the Republicans wouldn't put up a bill at all. But after that became too embarrassing an option for them, they used Scotch tape and glue to come up with this ridiculous proposal that can't be taken seriously.

The Republican plan does nothing—nothing—to extend the tax credits for even a day. Our bill, of course, extends them for 3 years.

Under the Republican plan, the big idea is essentially to hand people about \$80 a month and wish them good luck; say that you are on your own no matter what happens. And to even qualify for that check, Americans would be forced onto bare bones bronze plans with sky-high deductibles: 7,000 or 10,000 for an individual and tens of thousands for a couple. So the deductibles are so high, even that is not paid for by the \$80 a month. And then Americans are stuck and have nothing, nothing, nothing.

The Republican plan is a "When you get sick, you go broke" plan, plain and simple.

The only answer—the only right answer—to solve this crisis is what Democrats propose today, a clean, simple extension of current tax credits. Our bill is the only plan that halts premiums from shooting through the roof.

And as Americans know, this is not a symbolic vote. This is a life-and-death vote for millions of people wondering if they will be able to afford health insurance next year.

Millions will lose health insurance. Tens of millions will have to change plans and doctors and get high deductibles and high copayments that they can hardly afford healthcare if we don't do this. So America is counting on us—counting on us—the Senate.

Republicans, America is counting on you to do the right thing and vote yes on our bill.

A "yes" vote on our bill means premiums will not double or triple or more starting January 1. A "yes" vote means lower costs for the American people and greater help for them to pay for the things they need. A "yes" vote means dignity, security, and peace of mind for tens of millions of American families. It means our healthcare system averts a disaster.

There is only one right thing to do, and that is for Republicans to vote yes on our bill. The American people will not forget which way Senators vote today.

I yield the floor.

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 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 Executive Calendar No. 285, S. 3386, a bill to provide a health savings account contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, and for other purposes.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Roger F. Wicker, Joni Ernst, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Crapo, Jon A. Husted, Lindsey Graham, James E. Risch, Todd Young, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, David McCormick, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Bill Cassidy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to S. 3386, a bill to provide a health savings account contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, 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 Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 643 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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| Banks | Graham | Moran |
| Barrasso | Grassley | Moreno |
| Blackburn | Hagerty | Mullin |
| Boozman | Hawley | 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 |
| Ernst | McCormick | Wicker |
| Fischer | Moody | Young |

NAYS—48

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| 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 |
| Gallego | Ossoff | Warren |
| Gillibrand | Padilla | Welch |
| Hassan | Paul | Whitehouse |
| Heinrich | Peters | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—1

Daines

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 48.

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.

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 bill 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. 284, S. 3385, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit.

Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar, Brian Schatz, Tammy Baldwin, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Jack Reed, Tina Smith, Tim Kaine, Alex Padilla, Jeff Merkley, Maria Cantwell, Christopher A. Coons, Elizabeth Warren, Peter Welch, Richard Blumenthal.

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 motion to proceed to S. 3385, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 644 Leg.]

YEAS—51

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| Alsobrooks | Coons | Hawley |
| Baldwin | Cortez Masto | Heinrich |
| Bennet | Duckworth | Hickenlooper |
| Blumenthal | Durbin | Hirono |
| Blunt Rochester | Fetterman | Kaine |
| Booker | Gallego | Kelly |
| Cantwell | Gillibrand | Kim |
| Collins | Hassan | King |

Klobuchar
Luján
Markey
Merkley
Murkowski
Murphy
Murray
Ossoff
Padilla

Peters
Reed
Rosen
Sanders
Schatz
Schiff
Schumer
Shaheen
Slotkin

Smith
Sullivan
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—48

Banks
Barrasso
Blackburn
Boozman
Britt
Budd
Capito
Cassidy
Cornyn
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Cruz
Curtis
Ernst
Fischer

Graham
Grassley
Hagerty
Hoeben
Husted
Hyde-Smith
Johnson
Justice
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Lummis
Marshall
McConnell
McCormick
Moody

Moran
Moreno
Mullin
Paul
Ricketts
Risch
Rounds
Schmitt
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Sheehy
Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Warner
Warnock
Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—1

Daines

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 48.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of S. Res. 532, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

An executive resolution (S. Res. 532) authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

VOTE ON S. RES. 532

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all postcloture time is expired.

The question occurs on adoption of the resolution.

Mr. LUJÁN. 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 Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES).

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 645 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Banks
Barrasso
Blackburn
Boozman
Britt
Budd
Capito
Cassidy

Collins
Cornyn
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Cruz
Curtis
Ernst

Fischer
Graham
Grassley
Hagerty
Hawley
Hoeben
Husted
Hyde-Smith

Johnson
Justice
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Lummis
Marshall
McConnell
McCormick
Moody

Moran
Moreno
Mullin
Murkowski
Paul
Ricketts
Risch
Rounds
Schmitt
Scott (FL)

Scott (SC)
Sheehy
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Wicker
Young

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks
Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Blunt Rochester
Booker
Cantwell
Coons
Cortez Masto
Crapo
Duckworth
Durbin
Fetterman
Gallego
Gillibrand
Hassan
Heinrich

Hickenlooper
Hirono
Kaine
Kelly
Kim
King
Klobuchar
Luján
Markey
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Ossoff
Padilla
Peters
Reed

Rosen
Sanders
Schatz
Schiff
Schumer
Shaheen
Slotkin
Smith
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Daines

The resolution (S. Res. 532) was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the Record of December 4, 2025, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The majority leader.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that the Senate has received a message from the House to accompany S. 1071.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1071, and 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 Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), and the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY).

The result was announced—yeas 75, nays 22, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 646 Leg.]

YEAS—75

Alsobrooks
Baldwin
Banks
Barrasso
Blackburn
Blumenthal
Blunt Rochester
Boozman
Britt
Budd
Capito
Cassidy
Collins
Coons
Cornyn
Cortez Masto
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Curtis
Durbin
Ernst
Fetterman
Fischer
Gallego

Gillibrand
Graham
Grassley
Hagerty
Hassan
Heinrich
Hickenlooper
Hirono
Hoeben
Husted
Hyde-Smith
Johnson
Justice
Kaine
Kelly
Kennedy
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Klobuchar
Lankford
Lujan
Lummis
Marshall
McConnell
McCormick
Moreno

Mullin
Murkowski
Ossoff
Peters
Reed
Ricketts
Risch
Rosen
Rounds
Schmitt
Schumer
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Shaheen
Sheehy
Slotkin
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Warner
Warnock
Whitehouse
Wicker
Young

NAYS—22

Bennet
Booker
Cantwell
Cruz
Duckworth
Kim
Lee
Markey

Merkley
Moran
Murphy
Murray
Padilla
Paul
Sanders
Schatz

Schiff
Smith
Van Hollen
Warren
Welch
Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Daines Hawley Moody

The motion was agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The Chair lays before the Senate the following message from the House.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1071) entitled “An Act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes,” do pass with an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MOTION TO CONCUR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to concur in the House amendment to S. 1071.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] moves to concur in the House amendment to S. 1071.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the