

Dan Sullivan, Steve Daines, Tom Cotton, Ted Cruz, Deb Fischer, Thom Tillis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger F. Wicker, John Cornyn, Tim Sheehy, Katie Boyd Britt, James E. Risch.

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 nomination of Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 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 Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS).

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 659 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeben	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
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young

NAYS—42

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

NOT VOTING—7

Booker	Kelly	Whitehouse
Curtis	Smith	
Durbin	Warren	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 42. 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 Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, when I became majority leader, I made it very clear that I was committed to funding the government through the regular order consideration of appropriations bills, not through an omnibus or long-term CR, oftentimes written behind closed doors.

The regular order process gives Senators from both parties the fullest chance to make their voices and the voices of their constituents heard, which is why I am disappointed that we will not be moving to our second package of appropriations bills tonight.

Republicans were ready to go, but, unfortunately, my Democrat colleagues are not there yet. Hopefully, they will get there.

Republicans have worked hard all year to get us back to taking up appropriations bills through regular order. We had a positive start with the Senate passing three appropriations bills before the August State work period, something that hadn't been done here since 2018.

Then we hit a setback when Democrats decided to shut the government down for 6 weeks. That was disappointing, obviously.

But I want this body to know that I remain as committed as ever to funding the government through the regular order process. And when we come back, after the holidays, we are going to redouble our efforts to get this government funded and prevent any repeat of the Democratic shutdown.

I hope that my Democrat colleagues will join us. I hear them speaking to that effect, and I will take them at face value. And I hope that we can work together to fund the government in the way it should be funded, through regular order and the appropriations process.

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.

NOMINATIONS EN BLOC

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, while I voted No on S. Res. 532, which calls for an up or down vote on 97 nominations, en bloc, I would have voted yea on the following nominations if I had the opportunity to vote on each nomination separately:

1. Calendar Number 429: Michael Powers, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

2. Calendar Number 430: Benjamin Kohlmann, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

3. Calendar Number 431: Amy Henninger, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

4. Calendar Number 432: David Denton, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

5. Calendar Number 454: Jonathan Burke, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

6. Calendar Number 461: Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

7. Calendar Number 470: James Mazol, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

8. Calendar Number 478: Dominick Gerace II, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of 4 years.

9. Calendar Number 479: Jerome Francis Gorgon, Jr., of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of 4 years.

10. Calendar Number 480: Bryan Stirling, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of 4 years.

11. Calendar Number 518: Platte Moring, of South Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

12. Calendar Number 522: Peter Metzger, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

13. Calendar Number 524: Edward Forst, of Florida, to be Administrator of General Services.

14. Calendar Number 525: Stephen F. Rickard, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

15. Calendar Number 526: Elana S. Suttenger, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

16. Calendar Number 527: John Cuong Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

17. Calendar Number 529: Robert Kadlec, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

18. Calendar Number 530: Marc Berkowitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

19. Calendar Number 531: Joseph Jewell, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

20. Calendar Number 532: Brendan Rogers, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

21. Calendar Number 533: David Beck, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

22. Calendar Number 535: Michael Borders, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

23. Calendar Number 536: William Lane III, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

24. Calendar Number 538: James Caggy, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. (New Position)

25. Calendar Number 539: Timothy Dill, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

26. Calendar Number 540: Michael Payne, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

27. Calendar Number 541: Maurice Todd, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

28. Calendar Number 551: Stephen Carmel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

29. (66) Calendar Number 552: Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

30. Calendar Number 553: Laura DiBella, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

31. Calendar Number 555: Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring November 30, 2030. (Reappointment)

32. Calendar Number 565: Benjamin Leon, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Andorra.

33. Calendar Number 566: Brent Christensen, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

34. Calendar Number 567: Morvared Namdarkhan, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs).

35. Calendar Number 575: Erin Creegan, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of 4 years.

36. Calendar Number 578: Scott Leary, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of 4 years.

37. Calendar Number 582: Melissa Argyros, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

38. Calendar Number 583: Yehuda Kaploun, of Florida, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador.

39. Calendar Number 584: Bernardo Navarro, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Peru.

40. Calendar Number 585: Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Romania.

41. Calendar Number 587: Christopher Yeaw, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Arms Control, Nonproliferation, and Stability).

42. Calendar Number 588: Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of 4 years.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all

Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-79, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Lebanon for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$34.5 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

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(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Lebanon.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$31.0 million.

Other \$3.5 million.

Total \$34.5 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales

(FMS) case LE-B-UAH was below congressional notification threshold at \$12.26 million (\$10.85 million in major defense equipment) and included fifty M1151A1 High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs). The Government of Lebanon has requested that the case be amended to include an additional ninety M1151A1 HMMWVs. This amendment thus exceeds the notification threshold, therefore notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred forty (140) M115A1 high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWVs).

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: RF-7850M-HH multiband handheld radio; Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver; Quicklook electronic counter-countermeasures (ECCM) waveform; spare parts, repair parts, publications and technical documentation; training; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (LE-B-UAH).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 16, 2025.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

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