

on the wharf. Everyone came together in a sense of community that really defines my State.

I want to express my thanks to Subcommittee Chairman JERRY MORAN and Ranking Member CHRIS VAN HOLLEN for their hard work on the CGS bill.

Next, the Interior bill provides resources for the management and conservation of public lands, while fostering economic development through critical energy programs. It supports Tribal programs across the country; helps ensure that Americans have clean air, water, and soil; and provides Federal firefighters with the tools that they need to prepare for and suppress wildfires. It also includes funding to fight the devastating impact of the spruce budworm, which is being experienced right now in the State of Maine and other States.

I want to commend the subcommittee chair LISA MURKOWSKI and the ranking member JEFF MERKLEY for their efforts in crafting this legislation.

Finally, the Energy and Water Development bill will improve water infrastructure and promote American energy independence. It will also strengthen our nuclear deterrence posture, ensure our nuclear stockpile readiness and safety, and prepare for existing and future nuclear threats.

Subcommittee Chair JOHN KENNEDY and Ranking Member PATTY MURRAY worked tirelessly on this bill, and they have my appreciation.

Members ought to have a voice in the funding decisions that affect all of our States and constituents back home. The bills in this package were drafted with input from nearly every Senator. Together, Senators submitted literally thousands of requests to the committee for consideration. In some cases, these were programmatic requests, supporting programs they know well from their own State's experience. In other cases, they were a community development project request, or CDS. The legislation before us incorporates many of these requests and takes into account viewpoints from across the Chamber on both sides of the aisle. It truly is a Member-driven product.

Enacting this package would bring the total number of full-year fiscal year 2026 appropriations signed into law to six, as the first three bills—the Agriculture, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch bills—were enacted in November.

We are continuing our hard work. Yesterday, the final versions of the National Security, State Department, and Related Programs and the Financial Services and General Government appropriations bills were released and publicly posted. The House of Representatives is slated to take up those two additional appropriations bills this week.

It is our intention to complete work on all 12 of the annual appropriation

bills this month. That is an ambitious goal, but it is one that we can achieve with cooperation and collaboration that have brought us to this second round of three bills today.

I want to thank all of the members of the Appropriations Committee and, again, our extraordinary staff for their hard work, and I want to express my appreciation to Majority Leader THUNE. He promised that he would bring appropriations bills to the Senate floor. That did not happen in the past. And I am delighted, but not surprised, that he has kept that promise. He has supported our committee's process and worked to bring these bills to the Senate floor.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support cloture on the motion to proceed to the package that is before us. And, again, my thanks to all the Members in both the House and the Senate who worked so hard to bring us to this point.

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 Calendar No. 299, H.R. 6938, a bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

John Thune, Susan M. Collins, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Ashley B. Moody, Lindsey Graham, James Lankford, Joni Ernst, John Boozman, Jim Justice, Marsha Blackburn, Pete Ricketts, Jon A. Husted, Tom Cotton, Dan Sullivan, Mike Rounds, Ted Budd.

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 Calendar No. 299, H.R. 6938, a bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 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 senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "Yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) is necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 80, nays 13, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 7 Leg.]

YEAS—80

Alsobrooks	Graham	Murray
Baldwin	Grassley	Ossoff
Banks	Hassan	Peters
Barrasso	Hawley	Reed
Blackburn	Heinrich	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rosen
Blunt Rochester	Hooven	Rounds
Boozman	Husted	Schatz
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Budd	Justice	Schumer
Cantwell	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Capito	Kelly	Shaheen
Cassidy	Kennedy	Sheehy
Collins	King	Slotkin
Coons	Klobuchar	Smith
Cortez Masto	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Lujan	Thune
Cramer	Lummis	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Van Hollen
Daines	McCormick	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Welch
Durbin	Moody	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Moreno	Wyden
Gallego	Mullin	Young
Gillibrand	Murkowski	

NAYS—13

Bennet	Lee	Schiff
Booker	Markley	Scott (FL)
Hickenlooper	Murphy	Warren
Johnson	Padilla	
Kim	Sanders	

NOT VOTING—7

Cornyn	Hagerty	Warnock
Cruz	Paul	
Ernst	Risch	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). On this vote, the yeas are 80, the nays are 13, and the motion is agreed to.

Three-fifths of the Senators, duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MORENO. 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1834. An act to advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock.

H.R. 5184. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to transmit to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development recommendations for changes to preemptive energy conservation standards applicable to manufactured homes.

The message further announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 131) to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the

House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 504) to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 224. An act to amend section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3424. An act to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5184. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to transmit to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development recommendations for changes to preemptive energy conservation standards applicable to manufactured homes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2434. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13060-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2435. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flupyradifuron; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 13080-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2436. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "SpCas9 Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 13100-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2437. A communication from the Acting Division Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OneRD Guarantee Loan Regulation" (RIN0572-AC63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and 2021 Report to Congress on Contract Funding of Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Awards"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and 2023 Report to Congress on Contract Funding of Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Awards"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2440. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcast Stations, Fort Bragg and Cloverdale, California" ((DA 25-1052) (MB Docket No. 25-246)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2441. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delete, Delete, Delete" (FCC 25-80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2442. A communication from the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015) (WRC-15), Other Allocation Issues, and Related Rule Updates; Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva, 2015) To Allocate the Band 5351.5-5366.5 kHz to the Amateur Radio Service" (FCC 25-60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2443. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1106)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2444. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0215)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2445. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Burns Flat, Oklahoma" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2245)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2446. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Fee Rates" ((RIN1029-AC88) (Docket No. OSM-2025-0004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2447. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Program Make Up Funds" ((RIN1029-AC98) (Docket No. OSM-2025-0014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2448. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Balance Replacement Funds" ((RIN1029-AC95) (Docket No. OSM-2025-0012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2449. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Balance Replacement Funds" ((RIN1029-AC94) (Docket No. OSM-2025-0011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 7, 2026; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2450. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Compliance with the Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2451. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State's intent to designate Lebanese Muslim Brotherhood as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.