

Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 47, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 12 Leg.]

YEAS—47

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

NAYS—45

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

NOT VOTING—8

Capito	Justice	Warnock
Fetterman	Kennedy	Wicker
Hagerty	Risch	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 47, the nays are 45.

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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

The senior assistant 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. 302, H.R. 7148, a bill making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

John Thune, Chuck Grassley, Ted Budd, Tom Cotton, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Katie Boyd Britt, John R. Curtis, John Cornyn, Bernie Moreno, Tommy Tuberville, Roger Marshall, David McCormick, Jerry Moran, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Tim Sheehy, Susan M. Collins.

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.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY CALVERT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a leader grounded in the traditions of the American West from my home State of Wyoming. Ruby Calvert has dedicated a lifetime of service to public broadcasting, most recently serving as the chair of the Board for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. As the Corporation for Public Broadcasting prepares to conclude its work following 58 years of service to the American people, I wish to recognize her accomplishments and commend her service to the people of Wyoming.

Ruby Calvert's education reflects the strong Wyoming roots that have guided her career in public service. Ruby's mother Dessie Bebout, a legendary World War II veteran and longtime postmaster in Shoshone, instilled in Ruby a love of serving others at an early age. She earned a bachelor of arts in English and secondary education from the University of Wyoming, where she developed the communication skills and instructional grounding that would later define her work in public media. She also completed postgraduate coursework in public administration and broadcasting, further preparing her for leadership roles that required discipline and a clear understanding of public service.

Ruby devoted more than three decades to Wyoming PBS, beginning at the station's founding in 1983. Over the years, she served as director of programming, general manager, and president of the Wyoming PBS Foundation. In those roles, she strengthened local production, expanded educational programming, and ensured that our State had a credible public media voice.

Her work underscored the fundamental Western belief in local decision-making, that governance should be closest to the people. Ruby understood that public broadcasting works best when it respects local communities, local values, and local accountability. She championed programming that told local stories and served viewers who are often overlooked by national media markets.

Ruby has held a long record of public and civic service at the national, State, and local levels. She served two terms on the national PBS Board from 2008 to 2014, where she also worked on the station services, interconnection, national policy advisory, and station diversity committees. Governor Jim Geringer appointed her to the Wyoming State Board of Education, where she served from 2000 to 2006 and chaired the board for 2 years.

Earlier in her career, she served on and chaired the Riverton Memorial Hospital Board from 1996 to 2000 and was an officer of the Riverton Rotary for 6 years. Ruby has also served as a trustee of the Buffalo Bill Center of the

West and currently sits on the museum's education and interpretation advisory committee. In addition, she is vice president of the Wind River Cultural Centers Foundation, established 3 years ago to support 3 Fremont County museums. Her dedicated service also includes time on the board of directors for America's Public Television Stations and on former Senator Mike Enzi's academy appointment committee.

That same dedication carried over to her national service. First confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 and reconfirmed on a bipartisan basis in 2022, Ruby brought practical experience and fiscal discipline to the CPB Board. Elected chair in 2024, she led during a consequential period for public broadcasting. Guided by respect for taxpayers and a clear understanding of CPB's statutory mission, Ruby demonstrated principled leadership.

Ruby and her late husband Edward have three children Chad, Kara, and Chris. I am proud to know Ruby, her family, and to call her a friend. I thank Ruby for her decades of dedication to Wyoming. She served as a national voice for Wyoming's values. Her legacy will endure in the communities she served and in the standard she set for responsible public service. I wish her and her family the very best in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MCKINLEY KEYSER

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to McKinley for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

A native of Maryland, McKinley was raised in Washington, DC. She is currently a junior at the Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank McKinley for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

REMEMBERING DAVID EMERSON MITCHELL

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, on January 2, 2026, after a 15-year battle with multiple myeloma, David Mitchell passed away at the age of 75.

After being diagnosed with cancer and experiencing firsthand the exorbitant price of lifesaving medications in the United States, David founded Patients for Affordable Drugs, a national advocacy organization with the goal of lifting up patient voices in the fight to lower prescription drug prices.

David was not motivated by attention; he felt a responsibility to speak up for the millions of Americans struggling to afford their medications. With a lifetime of public health and communications experience and his own personal story to tell, David recognized his unique opportunity to take on a system in need of substantial reform. Under his leadership, Patients for Affordable Drugs became a trusted, bipartisan force for reform, centering patient voices in a debate long dominated by corporate interests. And to this day, Patients for Affordable Drugs is one of the only national patient advocacy organizations that doesn't accept funding from organizations that profit from the prescription drug industry.

In 2022, after nearly a decade of advocacy and coalition building, David's work paid off. The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, IRA, included provisions that, for the first time ever, empowered Medicare to negotiate drug prices on behalf of patients. David and Patients for Affordable Drugs' fierce advocacy helped bring about this generational policy shift.

Known as "the face of opposition to the pharmaceutical industry in Washington," David was a central voice in Congress. He testified before the House and Senate numerous times, and was a go-to, trusted expert. I worked closely with David in our efforts to lower drug prices. I admired his political acumen, his depth of policy knowledge, and mostly, his deep compassion for others going through the same struggle he was experiencing. It was his ability to connect the realities of everyday Americans with policy changes in Washington that made David such an effective advocate.

While Patients for Affordable Drugs may have been his crowning achievement, David also worked on some of the Nation's most effective public-health campaigns, including efforts to reduce drunk driving, increase seatbelt and child safety seat use, and improve roadway safety. His advocacy has saved countless lives, often quietly and outside the spotlight.

David's special power was knowing how to build lasting advocacy campaigns that led to real solutions. He demonstrated that patients are not passive observers of policy, but essential participants. And when someone told him that high drug prices were necessary, David countered with a simple slogan: "Drugs don't work if people can't afford them."

Mr. David Mitchell lived a meaningful life in service to others, and the world is safer, fairer, and more humane because of him. His legacy lives on through his colleagues, family, the laws he helped change, and the many patients' lives he empowered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KENT EIKENBERRY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the dis-

tinguished service of Kent Eikenberry, president and chief executive officer of the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank, upon his retirement after a decade of exemplary leadership.

Kent has been a driving force behind the food bank's mission to fight hunger and food insecurity throughout Arkansas. Under his guidance, the organization strengthened partnerships with local farmers, businesses, faith communities, and volunteers, expanding its reach and improving its ability to deliver nutritious food to those in need. His steady hand and thoughtful vision helped the food bank grow into a cornerstone of support for families facing difficult times.

Arkansas is stronger because of Kent's service. His example reminds us of the difference one individual can make in a community. As he begins a well-earned retirement, the impact of his leadership will endure for years to come in the lives of those he helped and his tireless effort to grow the food bank.

I am grateful for Kent's friendship and dedication to advocating for greater food security. On behalf of all Arkansans, I extend my deepest gratitude to Kent Eikenberry and his wife Diana for their lasting contributions and wish their family every happiness in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING THE COFFEE GROUNDS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to honor The Coffee Grounds of Monroe County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in October 2023, The Coffee Grounds is a family-owned, veteran-owned small business created to serve the Albia community. For years, residents shared that they wanted a convenient place to grab a quality cup of coffee early in the morning on their way to work. That message was echoed through Main Street Albia and within the Chamber of Commerce, where community members consistently expressed hope for a drive-through coffee option. Listening closely to their neighbors, two local couples, Tyler and Jenny Boley and Wes and Randell Aeschliman, came together to turn that dream into a reality for Monroe County.

Today, The Coffee Grounds operates as both a drive-through and walk-in coffee shop, opening early every day of the week to serve customers before the workday begins. The business offers a wide variety of beverages and treats, including coffee, espresso drinks, teas, energy drinks, smoothies, lemonades, and sweet breakfast items. The Coffee Grounds proudly sources its espresso and coffee beans from producers in

Iowa and features baked goods prepared fresh by local Iowa bakers. With a team of seven employees, The Coffee Grounds has quickly become a daily stop for commuters, families, and neighbors, while contributing to the local economy of Monroe County.

The owners of The Coffee Grounds are deeply invested in their community and exemplify the spirit of local leadership. Tyler Boley is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and serves as president of Welcome Home Soldier, an organization dedicated to honoring veterans and supporting military families. All four owners are actively involved in volunteering with organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Albia, youth sports programs, the volunteer fire department, and the Rotary Club, where Wes serves as president. Beyond the coffee shop, the owners also operate additional local businesses, including insurance and real estate enterprises. Through these efforts, they continue to invest in the long-term vitality of Main Street Albia while preserving the character of their community and creating new opportunities for residents.

In just a short time, The Coffee Grounds has become more than a place to grab a cup of coffee, it has become a gathering point that reflects the values of service and community connection. By listening to their neighbors and investing back into Albia, the owners have strengthened Main Street and demonstrated the lasting impact small businesses can have in rural communities.

I am pleased to recognize the Boleys, the Aeschlimans, and the entire team at The Coffee Grounds for their dedication to Monroe County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING LeRETTE FUNERAL CHAPEL

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to honor LeRette Funeral Chapel of Montgomery County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 1914, LeRette Funeral Chapel began with a mission rooted in service, compassion, and community care. Established originally as the Perryman Funeral Chapel in downtown Red Oak by Raymond and Gertrude Perryman, the business was created to provide families with dignified, respectful support during life's most difficult moments. With a dedicated team of two full-time and three part-time employees, the chapel has become a place where families turn for guidance and comfort. Over the decades, the funeral chapel transitioned through family ownership, reflecting the evolving needs of the community it served. In