

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) would have voted "nay."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 85, nays 5, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 182 Leg.]

YEAS—85

Alsobrooks	Gillibrand	Ossoff
Armstrong	Grassley	Padilla
Baldwin	Hagerty	Peters
Banks	Hassan	Reed
Barrasso	Hawley	Ricketts
Blackburn	Heinrich	Risch
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blunt Rochester	Hirono	Rounds
Booker	Hoeven	Sanders
Boozman	Husted	Schatz
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schiff
Budd	Kaine	Schmitt
Cantwell	Kelly	Schumer
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Kim	Shaheen
Collins	King	Sheehy
Coons	Klobuchar	Smith
Cornyn	Lankford	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Thune
Cotton	Lummis	Tillis
Cramer	Markey	Van Hollen
Crapo	Marshall	Warner
Daines	McCormick	Warnock
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Moody	Welch
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fetterman	Moreno	Wyden
Fischer	Murkowski	
Gallego	Murphy	

NAYS—5

Johnson	Paul	Tuberville
Lee	Scott (FL)	

NOT VOTING—10

Bennet	Justice	Whitehouse
Cruz	McConnell	Young
Curtis	Murray	
Graham	Slotkin	

The motion was agreed to.

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

The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 780.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John George Edward Marck, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

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. 780, John George Edward Marck, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Ashley Moody, James Lankford, Todd Young, Ted Budd, Pete Ricketts, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, James C. Justice, Eric Schmitt.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 777.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Michael J. Hendershot, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

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. 777, Michael J. Hendershot, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Ashley Moody, James Lankford, Todd Young, Ted Budd, Pete Ricketts, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, Tim

Scott of South Carolina, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, James C. Justice, Eric Schmitt.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 778.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

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. 778, Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Ashley Moody, James Lankford, Todd Young, Ted Budd, Pete Ricketts, Jon Husted, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, James C. Justice, Eric Schmitt.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and 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.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, on June 17, 2026, I missed the following vote, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 179, on the motion to discharge from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee S. Res. 616.

On June 18, 2026, I missed the following vote, but had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 180, on the cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6644 with an amendment.

On June 18, 2026, I missed the following vote, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 181, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 763, George Holding, to be U.S. Director of the European Bank for Construction and Development.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO WALTER BREUNING

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize American supercentenarian Walter Breuning.

Walter Breuning was a long-time Montanan and has dedicated tremendous work during the development of American history. In 1913, Walter joined the Great Northern Railway, a transcontinental railroad that profoundly shaped Montana's history by establishing towns, fueling agriculture, and driving tourism. Walter continued to work there after moving to Montana until he was 66 years old. Additionally, Walter enlisted to the U.S. military during World War I and was a Freemason and a member of Great Falls Lodge No. 118 for over 85 years.

Outside of his professional career, many other parts of his life touched back to Montana. After moving to Montana in 1918 to continue work with the Great Northern Railway, Walter met Agnes Twokey, a telegraph operator from Butte. Walter was married to Agnes from 1922 until her death in 1957.

In his later years, Walter lived at the Rainbow Retirement and Assisted Living Center in Great Falls. Walter lived for 114 years and 205 days and was, up to the time of his death, the oldest living man in the world.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Walter Bruening for his outstanding milestone achievement, his loyalty to Montana, and life-long contributions to critical transportation infrastructure in Montana and throughout our Nation.●

##### REMEMBERING MARTHA ZOLLER

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I join in mourning Martha Zoller and send my deepest condolences to Martha's husband Lin, to her children and grandchildren, and to all who knew and loved her.

Martha was a respected stalwart of Georgia's civic community, an accomplished broadcaster, and a formidable activist. Whether on her radio show at WDUN, advising elected officials, running for Congress herself, or serving on the State board of education, Martha dedicated her life to service, family, and faith and will be deeply missed by all her life touched.

May Martha's memory be a blessing.●

#### PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator JEANNE SHAHEEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: Katherine Bowles, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), vice Naz Durakoglu, resigned.

#### 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-3941. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reducing Bureaucracy and Burden for Human Services and Emergency Response Programs-Repatriation Program" (RIN0970-AD40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3942. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN0960-A172) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3943. A communication from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "June 2026 Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3944. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing Regulation for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Environmental Effects of the Department of Veterans Affairs Actions" (RIN2900-AS33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3945. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants for the Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot; Rescission" (RIN2900-AS76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3946. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Credit Opportunity (Regulation B); Special Purpose Credit Programs; Rescission" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3947. A communication from the Chair of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2025 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3948. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resin Acids, Esters with Glycerol in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement for a Tolerance" (FRL No. 13403-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3949. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Oregon; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13248-01-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3950. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to the EPCRA Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting Requirements to Conform to the 2024 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard" (FRL No. 12698-06-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3951. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reducing Bureaucracy and Burden for Native American Programs" (RIN0970-AD36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 17, 2026; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1782. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants.

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

S. 3799. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start Initiative.

By Mr. CASSIDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4109. A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4846. A bill to amend the United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act to reauthorize the United States-Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. KIM, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. LUJÁN):