

with me. I would also like to thank all the staff who have worked so very hard.

In closing, over the past 2½ centuries, America has stood as a beacon of hope to the free world.

Just as the backers of this war will soon be forced to make a choice, each Member of this body must also make a choice: whether we have the courage to stand up to evil or whether we will continue on with the status quo.

It is time for a show of strength. It is time for action. It is time for the Senate to pass the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026.

I yield the floor.
(Applause.)

VOTE ON H.R. 5334

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL).

The result was announced—yeas 86, nays 11, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 224 Leg.]

YEAS—86

Alsobrooks	Gallego	Murphy
Armstrong	Gillibrand	Murray
Baldwin	Graham	Peters
Banks	Grassley	Reed
Barrasso	Hagerty	Ricketts
Bennet	Hawley	Risch
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rosen
Booker	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Boozman	Hoeben	Schatz
Britt	Husted	Schiff
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cantwell	Johnson	Schumer
Capito	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Collins	Kelly	Shaheen
Coons	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cornyn	Kim	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	King	Smith
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Luján	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Van Hollen
Daines	McCormick	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Moody	Whitehouse
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fetterman	Moreno	Young
Fischer	Murkowski	

NAYS—11

Blunt Rochester	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Hirono	Paul	Wyden
Markey	Sanders	

NOT VOTING—3

Blackburn	Lummis	McConnell
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(Mr. HAGERTY assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. GRAHAM). On this vote, the yeas are 86, the nays are 11.

The 60-vote threshold having been achieved, the bill is passed.

The bill (H.R. 5334), as amended, was passed.

(Applause.)

AMENDMENT NO. 6712

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Graham Amendment No. 6712 to the title is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 6712) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation, as championed by the late Senator Lindsey O. Graham, and for other purposes."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The title, as amended, is agreed to, and the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume executive session in consideration of nominations en bloc pursuant to S. Res. 817.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the en bloc nominations provided under the provisions of S. Res. 817?

Mr. PADILLA. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL).

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 225 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Gallego	Markey
Baldwin	Gillibrand	Merkley
Bennet	Hassan	Murphy
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Murray
Blunt Rochester	Hickenlooper	Ossoff
Booker	Hirono	Padilla
Cantwell	Kaine	Peters
Coons	Kelly	Reed
Cortez Masto	Kim	Rosen
Duckworth	King	Sanders
Durbin	Klobuchar	Schatz
Fetterman	Luján	Schiff

Schumer	Van Hollen	Welch
Shaheen	Warner	Whitehouse
Slotkin	Warnock	Wyden
Smith	Warren	

NOT VOTING—2

Lummis	McConnell
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The en bloc nominations were confirmed as follows:

Calendar Number 729: John Breslow, of Arizona, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

Calendar Number 730: Todd Steggerda, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Calendar Number 731: Adam Cassidy, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy.

Calendar Number 732: Preston Wells Griffith III, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Calendar Number 733: Preston Wells Griffith III, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Calendar Number 734: Fleet White, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Calendar Number 739: Kenneth Sorenson, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 740: Johnson TeeHee II, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 746: Timothy VerHey, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 747: James Arnott, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 748: Jack Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 749: Jason Holt, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 757: Michael Kavoukjian, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway.

Calendar Number 759: William Trachman, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Calendar Number 761: Eric Wendt, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Calendar Number 762: David Brat, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Calendar Number 764: Frank Garcia, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2031.

Calendar Number 766: Glen Smith, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Calendar Number 781: Sean Costello, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 782: Michael Vance, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Calendar Number 820: Michael McDonald, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Calendar Number 821: James Macy, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2030.

Calendar Number 822: David M. Prouty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2031. (Reappointment)

Calendar Number 823: Brett Matsumoto, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

Calendar Number 824: William Hague, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Calendar Number 826: Kaveh Farzad, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

Calendar Number 832: Don Richard Berthiaume, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice.

Calendar Number 834: Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Calendar Number 835: Christopher Michael De Bono, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 836: Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 837: Bradford Pentony Wilson, of New Jersey, to be Archivist of the United States.

Calendar Number 840: Brian Cavanaugh, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Calendar Number 841: James Woodruff, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Calendar Number 842: Michael Christopher DiLorenzo, of the District of Co-

lumbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 843: Craig Edward Leen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 844: Christine Michelle Macey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 845: John Barlow Timmer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 846: Cameron Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Calendar Number 847: Charles Baldis, of Virginia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Calendar Number 848: James Andrew Crowell IV, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 849: Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Calendar Number 850: Rudolph Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belize.

Calendar Number 853: Barbera Thornhill, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

Calendar Number 854: Christopher Anderson, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Calendar Number 855: Stanley Brown, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Calendar Number 856: Joseph Burkhalter, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Calendar Number 857: John Hurley, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Calendar Number 858: Daniel Perez, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Calendar Number 859: Laurence Socha, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.

Calendar Number 860: Juan Segura, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Sec-

retary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Calendar Number 861: Juan Segura, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2026.

Calendar Number 862: Juan Segura, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2032. (Reappointment)

Calendar Number 863: Brendan Hanrahan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Calendar Number 864: Donald Blome, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Calendar Number 865: Katherine Bowles, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Calendar Number 866: Edward Eppler, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Calendar Number 867: Karen Sessions, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2025.

Calendar Number 868: Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2028. (Reappointment)

Calendar Number 869: Karen Jean Hedlund, of New York, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030. (Reappointment)

Calendar Number 870: David Cummins, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration for a term of five years.

Calendar Number 871: Brien Lorenze, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2024.

Calendar Number 872: Hal Duncan, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Calendar Number 873: Erich Hernandez-Baquero, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Calendar Number 874: Roger Mason, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

Calendar Number 875: Jules Hurst III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Calendar Number 899: Mark Cruz, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 900: Kevin Lilly, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

Calendar Number 903: Christopher Nassar, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Calendar Number 904: Christopher Phelan, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Calendar Number 905: John Crews, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2031.

Calendar Number 906: Sriprakash Kothari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Calendar Number 907: Erin Browne, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Calendar Number 908: George McMaster, of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Calendar Number 909: Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

(Mrs. BRITT assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the cloture motion on Collins substitute amendment No. 6732.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 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 Collins amendment No. 6732 to Calendar No. 320, H.R. 6500, a bill to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, and for other purpose.

John Thune, Susan M. Collins, Tim Sheehy, Bill Hagerty, Bernie Moreno, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, Marsha Blackburn, James Lankford, Jim Banks, Jon Husted, Tom Cotton, Alan Armstrong, Tommy Tuberville, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Barrasso, David McCormick.

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 amendment No. 6732, offered by the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), to H.R. 6500, a bill to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 91, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Ex.]

YEAS—91

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

NAYS—6

Cassidy	Markey	Sanders
Kaine	Paul	Warren

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Graham

NOT VOTING—2

Lummis

McConnell

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 91, the nays are 6, and 1 Senator announced "present."

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

The motion was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AGOA EXTENSION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, the clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6500) to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Thune (for Collins) amendment No. 6732, in the nature of a substitute.

Thune amendment No. 6736 (to amendment No. 6732), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 6737 (to amendment No. 6736), of a perfecting nature.

Thune amendment No. 6738 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 6732), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 6739 (to amendment No. 6738), of a perfecting nature.

Thune motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Thune amendment No. 6740, to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 6741 (the instructions (amendment No. 6740) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature.

Thune amendment No. 6742 (to amendment No. 6741), of a perfecting nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to commit and the amendments pending thereto fall.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MCCORMICK). The Senator from South Dakota.

(The remarks of Mr. ROUNDS pertaining to the introduction of S. 5373 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. ROUNDS. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, just before I begin my remarks, I would associate myself with the remarks of my colleague from South Dakota pertaining to the Postal Service and their work in South Dakota. If there was a way to build an incredibly inefficient model, they have figured out how to do it. It needs to be fixed. I share his view, and we will work with him to insist and ensure that they make changes that improve the service that affects the constituents, the people that we represent and serve.

REPUBLICAN PARTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. President, when this Congress began last year, we had a long to-do list. The American people had made their priorities clear. As I said from the start, this Republican majority was ready to deliver. Republicans were committed to strengthening our economic future, ending the Biden border crisis and making America safer and stronger in the years ahead.

That is exactly what we have been working on these last 19 months, and the American people are seeing the results of our efforts.

The clearest example came this April when 90 percent of Americans saw a tax cut which meant more of their hard-earned money stayed in their pockets instead of going to the IRS. That was thanks to the Working Families Tax Cuts. That was Republicans' top priority last year.

The American people had suffered for years through an inflation crisis caused by Democrats' reckless spending, and they were facing a massive tax hike, \$2,500 for a typical family in my State if Congress had failed to act. But the Working Families Tax Cuts made sure that tax hike never came.

Republicans delivered permanent—permanent—tax relief that benefited 97 percent of taxpayers this past year. We implemented new tax cuts like no tax on tips or overtime, raised the child tax credit, gave seniors an additional \$6,000 deduction, and provided America's small businesses and family farms and ranches with significant and permanent tax relief too.