

Warner Warren Whitehouse  
Warnock Welch Wyden

## NOT VOTING—4

Crapo McConnell  
Hirono Moran

Markey Rosen Van Hollen  
Merkley Sanders Warner  
Murphy Schatz Warnock  
Murray Schiff Warren  
Ossoff Schumer Welch  
Padilla Shaheen Whitehouse  
Peters Slotkin Wyden  
Reed Smith

## NOT VOTING—2

McConnell

Moran

The nomination was confirmed.

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

## 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 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 nomination of Executive Calendar No. 613, Justin R. Olson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

John Thune, Markwayne Mullin, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Joni Ernst, Pete Ricketts, John Cornyn, Jim Banks, Mike Rounds, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Mike Crapo, Kevin Cramer, David McCormick, Jon A. Husted, Dan Sullivan, Lindsey Graham.

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 Justin R. Olson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 31 Ex.]

## YEAS—51

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

## NAYS—47

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| Alsobrooks      | Cortez Masto | Hickenlooper |
| Baldwin         | Duckworth    | Hirono       |
| Bennet          | Durbin       | Kaine        |
| Blumenthal      | Fetterman    | Kelly        |
| Blunt Rochester | Gallego      | Kim          |
| Booker          | Gillibrand   | King         |
| Cantwell        | Hassan       | Klobuchar    |
| Coons           | Heinrich     | Lujan        |

out power and turning homes into freezers. The results—specifically directed at civilians, directed at mothers and children—have been deadly. Putin knows that he has failed to achieve his objectives on the battlefield, so he continues trying to achieve it through civilian torture—even today.

Indeed, Putin has failed in his two overriding goals. First of all, he has not weakened NATO. Under Putin's watch, NATO has expanded and awakened. Secondly, he has not brought Ukraine into Russia's orbit. Ukraine and its people have overwhelmingly moved philosophically further from Russia and toward the civilized democracies of this world.

Putin is failing, but he still peddles the lie that Russian victory is right around the corner. And some American voices are repeating this misinformation. They are echoing this. And we have heard this for years. Yet, in spite of his years of failure, Vladimir Putin persists for the moment in killing Ukrainians and causing the deaths of Russians and his allies.

We must show him it is time to stop, and that is what I am urging our government to do and this Senate to do. The West should unite around security guarantees and a framework for a just end to this war.

NATO will continue purchasing American-made weapons for Ukraine. The United States can and should get Ukraine more offensive and defensive aerial capabilities. Congress should take up the Russian sanctions bill. We know it has overwhelming support on this side of the aisle, on that side of the aisle, and at the other end of the building. What are we waiting for? Let's do it.

Secretary Hegseth and I have worked together to expedite weapons development. Already, we are seeing progress there. This week, the U.S. Air Force live-tested a new, low-cost, air-launched cruise missile called ERAM, and we did so just 16 months after the initial contract—impressive. We can do better than that, but that is impressive. The missiles are now headed to Ukraine. We continue to work to stand up a pipeline of novel capabilities, built by American industry and built by American manufacturing workers, with which we can arm our ally Ukraine.

For years, the Russian military has flung itself against the rock of a country it covets and a country it dwarfs in size but moving more slowly than nearly any military in a century. We need to show Vladimir Putin that it is time to stop. We must not let him off the mat. We must increase the pressure.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

## ADVANCED AI CHIPS

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I urge the Senate to take up and pass S. Res. 598.

Last May, President Trump announced a deal to green-light several

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 47.

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 Justin R. Olson, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

## VLADIMIR PUTIN

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, this month we will reach the fourth anniversary of Vladimir Putin's unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine.

As we all know, Vladimir Putin is a war criminal, a KGB alumnus, an oppressor of the Russian people, and we also are finding out more and more that he is really bad at fighting a war.

For 4 years, Putin has insisted that Russian victory is just around the corner. That is his dream, but it is a lie. The facts show that Putin is nowhere close to winning. Here are the facts: During the year 2024, Russia captured 0.6 percent of Ukrainian territory. Last year, it captured 0.8 percent. So 2 years of massive, tragic bloodshed caused by Vladimir Putin has resulted in 1.4 percent of enemy territory taken.

So he is bad at tactics, he is bad at strategy, but he sent millions of Russian men into battle in his unprovoked and illegal invasion, inflicting 1.2 million casualties on his own people, on his own Russian people—1.2 million Russian casualties. He may have at one time been a successful KGB torturer, but he is a failure at today's attempt to overrun his neighbor by force.

The Russian dictator is actually breaking records for his inability to achieve battlefield gains. Since 2024, his most significant offensives have scraped a meager 16 yards to 75 yards of ground per day—less than the length of a football field. This is among the slowest military campaigns since World War I. This would be embarrassing if it weren't so tragic for the civilized world and so tragic for the Russian people, not to mention the Ukrainian people.

Since Putin's military campaign is failing, he has now doubled down on his attacks on civilians—armed civilians. As we all know, a bitter cold snap has descended on Ukraine, and the maniacal Vladimir Putin has turned this winter into a weapon. He has systematically targeted energy sites, wiping

billion dollars' worth of advanced AI chips to the United Arab Emirates. The deal alarmed national security officials.

Why in the world was Donald Trump rolling back critical national security safeguards in order to hand over sophisticated U.S. technology to a country with a long history of helping China acquire sensitive chips that it needs for its military? Why in the world was Donald Trump trying to ship off our state-of-the-art chips to the UAE—and China—when American startups, American universities, and American small businesses needed them here at home?

Well, now we know. Now we know that the UAE greased the skids months earlier when it secretly agreed to pour hundreds of millions of dollars into a Trump family crypto venture just 4 days before President Trump's inauguration. Now we know that a powerful Abu Dhabi royal known as Spy Sheikh signed a secret deal to pay half a billion dollars to take almost a majority stake in the Trump family's crypto company, World Liberty Financial.

And just a few months later, the Trump administration and Secretary Howard Lutnick authorized the sale of advanced AI chips to the UAE. This was a victory for Abu Dhabi and the Spy Sheikh, who had been unsuccessfully trying for years to get their hands on those chips.

Inside our own government, national security officials tried hard to stop this deal. They warned that handing advanced AI chips to the UAE would have serious national security consequences. Look, some of these chips would go to G42, a UAE AI company that American national security officials have said could be a conduit for funneling technology to China. The CIA has reportedly warned about G42's working closely with blacklisted firms like Huawei that are tied to the Chinese military.

Now, President Trump is denying that he knew anything about the secret deal. Oh, please. President Trump's own son signed the deal for half a billion dollars. An initial payment of \$187 million was reportedly directed to flow to Trump family companies. Another initial payment of \$31 million was reportedly directed to flow into entities connected to the family of Steve Witkoff, Trump's golf buddy who had been named U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East.

Here we are, 1 year into Donald Trump's second term, and Trump has amassed more than \$1.5 billion from his crypto ventures like World Liberty Financial. Trump is profiting off the Presidency while American families are worried about their jobs, the rising cost of groceries, and how they will pay their bills. Trump is profiting from decisions that make it easier for countries like China to get their hands on some of our most sensitive and advanced technologies.

Congress needs to grow a spine. We cannot allow American national secu-

rity simply to be sold to the highest bidder. The Senate must pass this resolution to condemn this corruption and call on Donald Trump to reverse his decision to allow the export of advanced AI chips to the UAE.

I yield the floor.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

TRACK ACT

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about an issue that is critically important to millions of Americans: how our Federal Government responds when disaster strikes and whether communities can quickly receive the help they are promised in a timely and transparent manner.

As someone from the great State of Florida who is no stranger to natural disasters, we know how vital emergency recovery assistance is after disasters like hurricanes.

Unfortunately, we discovered that recovery assistance—public assistance—can be delayed for years. That is very hard for communities that rely on that essential funding to recover.

As a U.S. Senator, it is important to me to fight on behalf of Floridians to help aid in these recovery efforts and make sure that, if communities are entitled to public moneys to help them, those are efficiently received, because recovery doesn't end the day after a storm.

After major hurricane strikes, like we have seen in back-to-back years in the State of Florida, it can take years to get communities back to normal, and the process can be onerous and confusing for leaders and communities.

So to streamline it and make it more clear, I introduced legislation called the TRACK Act. I introduced this along with Senator ALSOBROOKS. The Transparency in Recovery Assistance and Claims Knowledge Act would implement a status tracker on the FEMA website. This is so victims of disaster can have easily available knowledge of insight as those claims progress.

As I travel around the State of Florida, I continue to hear from folks that not just want more transparency but need that as they advocate on behalf of their communities—just a little more insight into the aid process when they are recovering from these catastrophes.

While FEMA is making incredible strides under President Trump's leadership, the TRACK Act will bring more sunshine, more transparency.

After disaster strikes, the most important thing is to get help to those who need it as soon as possible, and this bill helps us to do just that.

While transparency and accountability are essential, they must also be paired with real action and real results. And so I am so proud to announce and inform my fellow Floridians that following very productive meetings with DHS, I was able to secure nearly half a billion dollars in FEMA public assistance funding, which was released, totaling in 535 projects across 14 disasters. And these had been requested for years.

This is thanks to the advocacy and coordination from folks all across my State—from Bay County to Broward County; city managers, mayors, constituents. Truly, it was all of us working together to bring this to the attention of those here in Washington to not delay these funds.

We are just getting started.

I want to thank President Trump and his administration for his leadership and for standing with Floridians as we recover from these natural disasters. Indeed, I believe Floridians and their participation in coming to Washington and meeting with their representatives, making sure that they are heard by their government—the people's government—that is why we have seen progress.

If there is one thing I can say—and I continue to be inspired as Florida's newest U.S. Senator—government will only work if people remain engaged with their government. If we the people remain engaged with the representatives that serve us, we the people are an essential part of our Republic working.

So I am proud to make this announcement about these moneys being released to help Florida recover and to further strengthen our State. But, indeed, it is just an announcement, because while I was the voice of so many, it was their work, their advocacy, them being a part of their government that got this done.

Since becoming a Senator, I have been inspired by so many across my State that want to help in the administration of the people's government. They have shared their struggles in getting Federal aid. They have shared their needs as a result of natural disasters, hurricanes, flooding. And all of that went into making this a reality. And I am so proud to have worked to secure these long-awaited funds for my State.

This urgency is why I am also urging my colleagues to join me in supporting the TRACK Act. It will improve transparency between Washington and communities back home. Indeed, it will allow Americans to be more a part of their government.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF JUSTIN R. OLSON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today the Senate will vote to confirm Justin Olson to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Mr. Olson currently serves as associate counsel in multiple matters involving challenges to trans individuals participating in college sports. This is obviously an issue of national concern, as we saw at the Supreme Court recently.

However, I was disturbed by Mr. Olson's refusal to condemn the hateful, inflammatory rhetoric used by one of the plaintiffs in his cases. I asked him about his client's statement claiming that a transgender woman wearing women's clothing is "akin to blackface." I also asked him about his