

client's statement that the trans rights movement is "an attempt to normalize pedophilia." And I asked him about his client's statement regarding the University of Pennsylvania, which included a slur I will not repeat. In each instance, Mr. Olson stated that he lacked the "full context" for this language. I am unaware of any context that could possibly make such rhetoric acceptable.

He refused to condemn this language and would not even go so far as to say that these hateful statements include language he personally would not use. Further, he expressed no concern or regret upon being informed that his client's rhetoric has led to death threats against high school students.

A nominee representing a polarizing client is not disqualifying. But the lack of concern Mr. Olson showed for hateful, inflammatory language—involving an issue that often impacts young students—is incredibly disappointing.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose Mr. Olson's nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

Mr. BANKS. Mr. President, we are about to vote on the confirmation of Mr. Justin Olson, President Trump's nominee to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Justin is President Trump's first judicial nominee in Indiana of the second Trump administration.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in voting to confirm Justin. He is more than qualified for this position.

I had never met or heard of Justin before this process, but let me just say that, from the very first time that I met with him, I knew he would make a great judge. I was really impressed by him, and I am grateful that President Trump nominated him.

Together with his wife Leah, Justin is the proud father of five young children. I enjoyed spending time with them recently, when they were here to visit DC for Justin's hearing.

Outside of his impressive legal career, Justin is an active member of his church, his community, and his community where he served as an elder and taught children Sunday school.

Justin is a graduate of Grove City College and the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University Bloomington. After graduating, he served his country in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Indianapolis. During his time in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Justin earned a stellar reputation for his incredible work ethic and his character. Before his time in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Justin earned a prestigious clerkship with the chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.

It is very clear that Justin has all of the qualifications to serve on the bench. But beyond his paper resume, Justin has the qualities that I think are most important in a judge. He cares deeply about America and American values. He especially cares about equality.

We all watched as the University of Pennsylvania and the NCAA allowed a man to dominate women's swimming. We all saw just how unfair and disgraceful that was. Justin has been part of the legal team that is suing Penn and the NCAA and other schools that have allowed men to compete in women's sports.

Justin has also been part of the team that is representing Riley Gaines and other female athletes who have been forced to compete against those men and to share private spaces with them.

Justin and his legal team have sought justice for those young women who have been robbed of medals, of dignity, and their safety. In fact, I think it is really incredible that Justin's confirmation comes one day after National Girls and Women in Sports Day. I can think of no one better prepared to make sure that women's sports are only for women than him, Justin Olson.

Justin has also represented a group that is very important to me, and that is the Turning Point USA's chapter at IU Bloomington, my alma mater. Justin has defended that group's right to express conservative ideas on college campuses. I have no doubt that Justin would make Charlie Kirk proud.

Earlier in Justin's career, before he even graduated from law school, Justin was already writing scholarly papers in support of States' rights to protect unborn children.

What I want in a judge, above all else, is courage. I want judges, especially in my home State of Indiana, who are not afraid to stand up for truth and who are willing to say things that others are afraid to say.

Really, anyone can say the right thing, but I want judges who have done the right thing, especially when it is hard or unpopular.

Well, look no further than Justin Olson. He has always done the right thing, even when it is hard. He has fought for women's rights, for the equal application of civil rights law, and for American liberties.

Our Nation is at a turning point. We need judges who believe in the American project and its goodness, judges that are just like Justice Thomas and Justice Alito. And we need judges who will not just uphold the Constitution but who will cherish it. Justin Olson is that type of person.

I am very pleased that President Trump nominated Justin to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. It was my honor to introduce him at his confirmation hearing, and it will be my honor to vote in favor of his nomination in just a few moments. He is the right person for the job. I can't wait to call him Judge Olson.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the previously scheduled roll-call vote begin immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON OLSON NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Olson nomination?

Mr. KENNEDY. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

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

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 32 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—47

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

NOT VOTING—3

Lee	McConnell	Moran
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). 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.

The majority leader.

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. 608.

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 Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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. 608, Daniel E. Burrows, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the following nominations en bloc: Calendar No. 646 and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 304:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Thomas G. Allan, Jr.

IN THE COAST GUARD

*PN675 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning JAROD M. ROSS, and ending ANDREW R. YOUNKLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2025.

*PN676 COAST GUARD nominations (11) beginning JONATHAN B. BERNHARDT, and ending RYAN S. TOWNSEND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2025.

*PN677-1 COAST GUARD nominations (82) beginning MICHAEL ADAMS, and ending DEWEY W. WORKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2025.

*PN682 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning MARGARET A. HARWARD, and ending JENNIFER A. ROGERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 2, 2025.

*PN697 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning JAMES M. HURTT, and ending KELLI A. KNIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 10, 2025.

*PN698 COAST GUARD nomination of Michelle J. Moravek, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 10, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

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 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING THE NEHEMIAH ALLIANCE AND PRAYER FOR AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, today, I rise to commend faith groups across the country for joining together in prayer for our Nation, as we near America's 250th anniversary. Causes like the Nehemiah Alliance's National 52-Day Rebuild Initiative offer a meaningful opportunity to unite in reflection on the enduring values that have guided our Nation since its founding: faith, family, freedom, hope, and opportunity. During this time of gratitude and celebration, I encourage all Americans to reflect on our many blessings and dedicate themselves to securing an even brighter future for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL JAMES J. MINGUS

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, today, I honor the distinguished service and long career of GEN James J. Mingus, a native of Spencer, IA, who devoted more than four decades to the defense of the United States and to the soldiers he led. His career is defined by unwavering service, decisive leadership, and command at the highest levels of the Army.

Commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, General Mingus rose from company-level command to the Army's highest echelons, ultimately serving as Vice Chief of Staff during a period of extraordinary global challenge and strategic competition. Throughout his career, General Mingus exemplified the very best of the U.S. Army. He commanded at every level, including some of the Army's most elite and demanding formations, consistently placing readiness, dis-

cipline, and warfighting excellence at the center of his leadership. From airborne and expeditionary operations to senior institutional command, his steady judgment, operational credibility, and decisive leadership earned the trust of soldiers, commanders, and civilian leaders alike.

As Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, General Mingus played a central role in sustaining and enhancing soldier performance, readiness, advancing modernization, and ensuring the Army met its global responsibilities while taking care of soldiers and families. Those who served with him often describe him as a leader who spoke plainly, listened carefully, and treated responsibility as something to be borne personally. Generations of the soldiers who watched him lead now carry his habits and example into commands of their own. Jim Mingus exemplifies the very best of the U.S. Army.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my deepest thanks to GEN James J. Mingus for his extraordinary service, sacrifice, and leadership. As he concludes this remarkable chapter of service, we wish him, his family, and loved ones continued success and fulfillment in the years ahead. His legacy will endure in the strength, professionalism, and readiness of the U.S. Army.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:21 a.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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4090. An act to codify certain provisions of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 142. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4090. An act to codify certain provisions of certain Executive Orders relating to domestic mining and hardrock mineral resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 142. Joint resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.