

Now, keeping the government open is a good outcome, but we have a lot more to do after Thanksgiving. We must finish passing President Biden's emergency supplemental with aid to Israel, Ukraine, humanitarian assistance for innocent civilians in Gaza, and funds for the Indo-Pacific. We will keep working with Leader MCCONNELL on a way forward.

I know that both sides genuinely care about providing aid to Israel and Ukraine and helping innocent civilians in Gaza, so I hope we can come to an agreement, even if neither side gets everything they insist on.

We will also complete our work on the National Defense Authorization Act before the end of the year. For now, I thank my colleagues for voting to keep the government open. I thank Leader MCCONNELL, Chair MURRAY, Vice Chair COLLINS, and all of the appropriators. Again, no government shutdown, no cuts to vital programs, no poison pills. This is a great outcome for the American people.

Now, my colleagues, after this vote on the CR, we have one more vote, to vote a conference on the NDAA. I urge everyone to stay here so we can finish the next vote quickly, and then do the third vote without further delay.

I yield the floor to the wonderful chair of the Appropriations Committee who did so much to get us here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I will vote for this bill to avoid a senseless shutdown although I do not care for this idea of two funding deadlines and double the shutdown risk. But the big picture I am focused on right now is what happens next, because avoiding a shutdown is so very far from mission accomplished. We have a lot of work to do after the dust settles and before the next shutdown deadline comes up. Now is not the time to pat ourselves on the back. It is time to roll up our sleeves and pass supplemental funding to address urgent global challenges and critical priorities here at home.

Our leadership is on the line and with it, the security of our allies and our Nation. We cannot do half of our job here. We need a supplemental that fully addresses the challenges to Ukraine, Israel, humanitarian aid, and the Indo-Pacific.

And we are not pitting American families against America's global leadership. We have got to tackle the childcare crisis and other urgent domestic priorities just as we address our urgent national security priorities. We are the United States of America. We can and must do both.

And, on that note, let me just say this: Failing to fully fund WIC for the first time ever is not an acceptable outcome to me under any circumstances.

Now, turning to the year ahead, if we don't want to be right back here in a few weeks facing a one-two-punch shutdown threat, we need all of us to get serious about 1-year postpending bills.

So I have an important message for Speaker JOHNSON and the House Republicans. We can only get these spending bills done if we are all on the same page when it comes to the topline numbers. The good news is, that is already a settled matter, because we actually passed bipartisan topline in the debt limit deal that House Republicans and the President negotiated—a deal that Speaker JOHNSON voted for, along with so many other Members on both sides of the aisle in both Chambers.

So let's be clear: The negotiating has already happened. House Republicans just need to stick to their word and what they helped pass into law.

I am glad to see the Speaker abandon tying cuts or extreme policies to this CR. He will also need to do that to our annual bills if we are going to be able to conference any of them, because if we can't get back to those topline numbers that this Congress has already agreed to, we are not going to get anywhere. It is that simple.

We have to work together; we have to keep our word; and we have to compromise. That means listening to the other side, making some tough decisions, leaving out partisan nonstarters, and writing a bill that can actually pass into law. That is going to make a difference for the people we represent at home. That is exactly how Vice Chair COLLINS and I have been able to work with Members across the political spectrum to craft 12 bipartisan spending bills.

So let's get to work. Let's end this threat of a government shutdown. Then let's get that full-year funding our Nation needs signed into law.

I yield back all time.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

Under the previous order, the bill is considered read a third time.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON H.R. 6363

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

Mr. TILLIS. Madam President, 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 87, nays 11, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 312 Leg.]
YEAS—87

Baldwin	Budd	Cassidy
Barrasso	Butler	Collins
Blumenthal	Cantwell	Coons
Booker	Capito	Cortez Masto
Boozman	Cardin	Cotton
Britt	Carper	Cramer
Brown	Casey	Cruz

Daines	Klobuchar	Rounds
Duckworth	Lankford	Rubio
Durbin	Lujan	Sanders
Ernst	Lummis	Schatz
Fetterman	Manchin	Sullivan
Fischer	Markey	Shaheen
Gillibrand	Marshall	Sinema
Graham	McConnell	Smith
Grassley	Menendez	Stabenow
Hagerty	Merkley	Sullivan
Hassan	Moran	Tester
Hawley	Mullin	Thune
Heinrich	Murkowski	Tillis
Hickenlooper	Murphy	Van Hollen
Hirono	Murray	Warner
Hoeben	Ossoff	Warnock
Hyde-Smith	Padilla	Warren
Johnson	Peters	Welch
Kaine	Reed	Whitehouse
Kelly	Ricketts	Wicker
Kennedy	Romney	Wyden
King	Rosen	Young

NAYS—11

Bennet	Lee	Scott (FL)
Blackburn	Paul	Tuberville
Braun	Risch	Vance
Crapo	Schmitt	

NOT VOTING—2

Cornyn Scott (SC)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PADILLA). On this vote, the yeas are 87, the nays are 11.

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

The bill (H.R. 6363) was agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk lays before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2670) entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes", and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

COMPOUND MOTION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I move that the Senate insist on its amendment, agree to the conference with the House, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, as provided under the previous order.

I know of no further debate on the compound motion, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON COMPOUND MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

The question is on agreeing to the compound motion.

The yeas and nays have been requested.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator

from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 90, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 313 Leg.]

YEAS—90

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Ossoff
Barrasso	Graham	Padilla
Bennet	Grassley	Peters
Blackburn	Hagerty	Reed
Blumenthal	Hassan	Ricketts
Boozman	Hawley	Risch
Braun	Heinrich	Romney
Britt	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Brown	Hirono	Rounds
Budd	Hoeben	Rubio
Butler	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Cantwell	Johnson	Schmitt
Capito	Kaine	Schumer
Cardin	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Carper	Kennedy	Shaheen
Casey	King	Sinema
Cassidy	Klobuchar	Smith
Collins	Lankford	Stabenow
Coons	Lee	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Luján	Tester
Cotton	Lummis	Thune
Cramer	Manchin	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Tuberville
Cruz	McConnell	Van Hollen
Daines	Menendez	Vance
Duckworth	Moran	Warner
Durbin	Mullin	Warnock
Ernst	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Murphy	Wicker
Fischer	Murray	Young

NAYS—8

Booker	Paul	Welch
Markey	Sanders	Wyden
Merkley	Warren	

NOT VOTING—2

Cornyn Scott (SC)

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. REED. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator KLOBUCHAR, I call up her motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], for Ms. KLOBUCHAR, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include provisions to provide stability and support, including a pathway to permanent residency, for eligible Afghan individuals in the United States, provided that such stability and support does not endanger United States citizens or the national security of the United States, and to provide additional support for certain at-risk Afghan allies abroad, provided that such support would not negatively impact the safety and security of Afghans who were employed by or on behalf of the United States.

Mr. REED. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator RUBIO, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. RUBIO, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the provisions to enforce section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i)(VII)) to revoke visas and initiate deportation proceedings for any foreign national who has endorsed or espoused the terrorist activities of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, or any another foreign terrorist organization (as designated under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) that has participated in terrorist attacks against Israel and United States citizens before, on, or after October 7, 2023.

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on the motion.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. REED. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator HICKENLOOPER, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], for Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET), moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon a provision that prohibits any limitation on the use by the United States Space Command of funds for military construction.

Mr. REED. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BLACKBURN, I call up her motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mrs. BLACKBURN moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include a provision to prohibit any action by the United States Government to release funds or assets to Iran pursuant to the document entitled "Waiver of Sanctions with respect to the Transfer of Funds from the Republic of

Korea to Qatar" and transmitted to Congress on September 11, 2023.

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator LANKFORD, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. LANKFORD, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to increase defense cooperation with Israel in order to reaffirm its right to defend itself against state and non-state actors who seek to undermine Israel's sovereignty.

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. Chairman, I call up my motion to instruct the conferees.

The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARSHALL, and Ms. WARREN) moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include subtitle J of title X of division A of Senate Bill 2226, 118th Congress, passed July 27, 2023.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, this motion to instruct conferees would combat bad actors using crypto assets in financial transactions by preserving in the NDAA my amendment introduced alongside my colleagues from both sides of the aisle including Senators KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, ELIZABETH WARREN, and ROGER MARSHALL.

This amendment would not only combat money laundering, it would crack down on countries evading sanctions and funding terrorism through crypto assets.

It does this by requiring the Treasury Department to establish comprehensive exam standards for financial institutions engaged in crypto asset activities and requires a study on the use of crypto asset mixers, tumblers, and other anonymity-enhancing technologies.

Preventing illicit finance in the crypto asset industry is integral as we work to provide comprehensive regulation to the industry—and passing these provisions into law will protect our national security and ensure our adversaries are not using crypto assets to finance those who would do harm to the

United States. I strongly urge my colleagues in joining me in support of my motion to instruct.

Ms. LUMMIS. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator CRAMER, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. CRAMER, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon maintaining the provisions of H.R. 2670 that support the critical development of the future airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability of the Air Force.

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator MORAN, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. MORAN, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1049 of the Senate amendment (relating to access to commissary and exchange privileges for remarried spouses).

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator ERNST, I call up her motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Ms. ERNST, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon the inclusion of title XI of S. 2226, as passed by the Senate on July 27, 2023 (relating to an authorization for the Secretary of State to en-

gage compact of free association countries on identifying or developing national security councils and advising and providing assistance for developing such councils).

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator HAGERTY, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. HAGERTY, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1880 of H.R. 2670 (relating to a prohibition on contracting with certain biotechnology providers).

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BRAUN, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER], for Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN), moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 902 of the Senate amendment (relating to reinstatement of position of Chief Management Officer of Department of Defense), which includes planning and processes, business transformations, and performance measurement and management activities across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and other components of the Department of Defense to address the backsliding of fiscal responsibility within the Department and appoint a dedicated leader in a senior position within the Department whose mission it is to be a good steward of Federal resources.

Mr. WICKER. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT

Mr. REED. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator MANCHIN, I call up his motion to instruct the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], for Mr. MANCHIN, moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2670 be instructed to insist that the final conference report include the provision in the concurrent resolution as agreed to by the Senate that directs the Secretary of Energy to establish a nuclear fuel program with the purpose of onshoring uranium conversion and enrichment capacity to ensure a disruption in Russian supply would not impact the development of advanced reactors or the currently operating fleet.

Mr. REED. I know of no further debate on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSTRUCT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Chair appoints the following as conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. SCHMITT conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

ARMENIAN PROTECTION ACT OF 2023

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, shortly, I will ask unanimous consent for passage of the Armenian Protection Act of 2023.

Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act of 1992 was straightforward. It kept Azerbaijan from receiving military assistance from the United States. In the wake of 9/11, we granted the President the authority to waive the statute and in order to protect American interests, and as a result, we began sending military aid to Azerbaijan.

But we attached a very important condition: The Azerbaijani Government could not engage in offensive attacks or undermine the peace process with Armenia. Their recent actions in Nagorno-Karabakh have clearly failed in meeting this very straightforward standard. Not only did they blockade the Lachin corridor for 10 months, creating significant hardships, they also violently attacked innocent Armenians and forced the dissolution of the Government of Nagorno-Karabakh on September 28.

The Armenian Protection Act of 2023 is simple: It would hold Azerbaijan accountable for these actions. As a result of Azerbaijan's failure to meet the