

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7463, which was received from the House and is at the desk, and that the only motions and amendments in order to the bill be the following: Paul amendment No. 1614; Marshall motion to commit, which is at the desk; Lee motion to commit, which is at the desk; and Cruz motion to commit, which is at the desk; further, that the Senate vote on the above motions and amendment in the order listed, with 60 affirmative votes required for adoption of amendment No. 1614; that upon the disposition of the Cruz motion to commit, the bill be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage, without further intervening action or debate, and with 2 minutes for debate, equally divided, prior to each vote; further, that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Republican leader but no later than Friday, March 8, 2024, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3853; that there be up to 1 hour for debate, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the bill be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, all without intervening action or debate, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage.

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

EXTENSION OF CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS ACT, 2024

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 7463) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I am pleased that Democrats have just reached an agreement with the Republicans to pass a temporary extension of government funding tonight. We will have up to five votes: four on amendments and then final passage. This agreement is an important step because we not only avoid a shutdown on Friday, we also clear the way for passing the first six appropriations bills next week.

We want to move quickly. So I ask Senators to stay in their seats or near the floor until we finish our work. We are going to try, starting on the second vote, to keep votes limited to 10 minutes. So please stay in your seats.

Now, Mr. President, this year, the good Lord gave us an extra day in Feb-

ruary. So let's make sure we finish the job and don't drag this debate into March.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. SCHUMER. Excuse me. Just one more thing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all votes in this series after the first vote be 10 minutes in duration.

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

The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I am really glad that we have cleared consensus that no one wants to see a government shutdown and that preventing one now will require a very short CR so we can continue making good progress on our full-year funding bills.

I have been at the table for a long time now pushing to make progress every single day, and we are genuinely close. And if bipartisan cooperation prevails, I am very confident we can, at long last—at long last—wrap up our fiscal year 2024 bills.

And, as my colleagues are aware, we plan to release the first six bills in the coming days to give everyone time to review them before a vote next week, while we continue to lock up the last six bills.

I am confident we can get all of our funding bills done in the next few weeks, as long as partisan poison pills are taken off the table.

We are working in a divided government. That means, to get anything done, we have to work together in good faith to reach reasonable outcomes. That has been true from day one of these negotiations, and we will only reach the last day of these negotiations if that happens.

Again, we are close. We are moving in the right direction. It is full speed ahead. And we will keep working hard with our colleagues to get this wrapped up and take a shutdown completely off the table by passing the strongest bipartisan spending bills we can and, hopefully, soon.

I urge all of our colleagues to vote yes on this CR so we have the time to get these done.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, several of the amendments that we will vote on propose a full-year continuing resolution that would lock in dangerously inadequate funding levels for our national defense and lead to cuts in other vital programs serving our veterans, farmers, low-income families, and older Americans.

In a briefing last month, the Commander of U.S. Central Command told me that this is the most dangerous security situation in 50 years. The idea that we would consider hamstringing our military under a yearlong continuing resolution at such a time is unconscionable.

The Department of Defense has never operated under a yearlong CR. It would reduce defense spending by \$27 billion relative to the level called for under the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Further, there would be problems with the misalignment of funds that in many cases would prevent critical funding from being executed. For example, 30 percent of the Navy's shipbuilding request could not be spent because the funding would be misaligned.

According to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, under a yearlong CR, "thousands of [defense] programs will be impacted with the most devastating impacts to our national defense being to personnel, nuclear triad modernization, shipbuilding and maintenance, munitions production and replenishments, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command priorities."

Let us also remember that we would be wasting taxpayer dollars as we would forego billions of dollars in potential spending reductions and rescissions carefully identified by the Appropriations Committee.

A yearlong CR would result in a military that is less able to respond to serious security threats around the globe, and it would harm important domestic investments in biomedical research, infrastructure, and other priority areas. It would result in furloughs or hiring freezes for food inspectors and air traffic controllers, as well as slash housing assistance at a time when we already face a severe affordable housing shortage.

I urge my colleagues to reject these motions and support the responsible approach of passing the short-term measure to fund the government. We will then move to the six completed conference reports on appropriations bills and continue our important work on the remainder of the full-year appropriations bills.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

AMENDMENT NO. 1614

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I call up Senate amendment No. 1614 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. PAUL] proposes an amendment numbered 1614.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To establish prohibitions relating to the purchase or sale of State or municipal securities)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF STATE OR MUNICIPAL SECURITIES.

(a) EMERGENCY LENDING PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.—The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may not establish any emergency lending program or facility, including pursuant to section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343(3)), that purchases or sells any security issued by a State or municipality, including a bond, note, draft, or bill of exchange.

(b) OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS.—No Federal reserve bank may purchase or sell any security described in subsection (a), including pursuant to section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 353 et seq.).

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, here we go again. Senators of both parties will once again kick the can down the road.

Our national debt is over \$34 trillion and growing at an alarming rate.

The majority of the Senate meets today to vote once again for more deficit spending. We now know that the Federal Reserve is not only buying the Federal debt; they are buying the debt of profligate, large-spending States like California, New York, and Illinois.

My amendment would make it explicitly illegal for the Federal Reserve to buy the debt of these big-spending, profligate individual States. It was never intended that Congress give the Fed the power, and we should make sure that it is explicit that the Federal Reserve cannot buy the debt of individual States.

I urge a "yes" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the Paul amendment.

As part of the effort to support our economy following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Reserve established a liquidity facility to help State and local governments better manage their cash flow and those pressures that existed and that they faced as a result of the increase in State and local government expenditures related to the pandemic and the delay and decrease of some tax revenues and other revenues. And all of the funds borrowed by municipalities under this program have been repaid.

So tying the Fed's hands to prevent it from helping States and municipalities, as this provision would do, would be dangerous. Congress has given the Fed the flexibility to transact in State and local bonds because we knew that it could be an important and helpful tool in times of an emergency—protecting millions of public workers, including police officers, healthcare workers, and other first responders.

So, as we have seen during the pandemic and natural disasters, uncertainty can hurt both big and small States, and the Fed's simple ability to assist States and local governments in this way can provide stability and allow policymakers to address emerging crises. Preventing emergency programs outright would be dangerous and unnecessary.

And, finally, adopting this amendment would require the continuing resolution go back to the House and be voted on again.

So I urge my colleagues to vote no on the Paul amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1614

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. PAUL. 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 clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 37, nays 53, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 63 Leg.]

YEAS—37

Blackburn	Grassley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hawley	Rubio
Braun	Hoeven	Sanders
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Tuberville
Cruz	Marshall	Wicker
Ernst	McConnell	Young
Fischer	Mullin	
Graham	Paul	

NAYS—53

Baldwin	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Heinrich	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Sinema
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Lujan	Stabenow
Casey	Markey	Tester
Collins	Menendez	Van Hollen
Coons	Merkley	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Warnock
Duckworth	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Welch
Fetterman	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hagerty	Peters	

NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Manchin	Scott (SC)
Britt	Moran	Vance
Cassidy	Risch	
Daines	Romney	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 37, the nays are 53.

Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the adoption of this amendment, the amendment is not agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1614) was rejected.

MOTION TO COMMIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas [Mr. MARSHALL] moves to commit the bill H.R. 7463 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) provide—

(A) continuing appropriations for the entire Federal Government through the end of fiscal year 2024; and

(B) \$14,300,000,000 in aid to Israel, which is full offset by reductions in appropriations for the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I ask 4 minutes equally divided prior to the vote on the motion.

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, as we assess an embarrassing fiscal fiasco, I believe a full-year continuing resolution funding the remainder of this year at last year's levels is the least of the evils we face tonight.

Our amendment will effectively freeze spending and save American taxpayers at least \$70 billion.

Look, here we are already 5 months late, and I see no path to gathering in the reins of an out-of-control budget process. American taxpayers full well understand we have a broken budget process, and every Senator here knows we have not done any serious work on the Senate floor with appropriations bills since October, already 4 months into the fiscal year.

And while the Appropriations Committee should be commended for accomplishing its job in a timely fashion last July, American taxpayers also realize these individual appropriations bills could have easily been brought to the floor one at a time, exposed to sunlight and cameras, amended, and then passed in a timely fashion months ago.

But today we realize the symptoms of a bigger problem. Today, we feel the pain of a disease of failed congressional budget process, which gives too much power to too few people. But just like American families, the American Government needs to learn to live within its means, and that is why I hope soon we can turn to legislation that will secure a more stable, competent budget process.

We need to get this year's appropriations process behind us, pass a year-long CR, and then address legislation which brings teeth to an old budget law that forces the President and Congress to do our job in a competent, timely fashion.

And, finally, our amendment also funds Israel at the White House's request, thus showing the world once again America stands besides Israel.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, the House just voted overwhelmingly to send us this clean and very short CR to keep our government open while we work on passing final funding bills, which is exactly what we should all be focused on now.

But this particular motion wouldn't just prevent the Senate from averting a shutdown tomorrow; it would swap the clean, short-term CR for a full-year CR that means devastating across-the-board cuts and tie it to military aid for Israel to a yearlong CR.

We are not going to throw in the towel on our funding bills, and we are not going to do half of our job by sending aid to some of our allies while leaving others like Ukraine in the dust.

We have already on this floor passed a comprehensive national security package in an overwhelming bipartisan vote. Now the House just needs to pass that—and I am confident they will—as soon as the Speaker brings it up for a vote.

So, tonight, let's pass this CR, get our funding bills done, and keep working to get the comprehensive supplemental signed into law. I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Has time expired for both sides?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington has 50 seconds.

Mrs. MURRAY. I yield it back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time is expired.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we are going to enforce the 10-minute rule. We announced it earlier. So please stay in your seats. Let's get the next amendments done with expedition.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

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

Mr. MARSHALL. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 14, nays 76, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 64 Leg.]

YEAS—14

Blackburn	Johnson	Paul
Budd	Kennedy	Rubio
Cruz	Lee	Scott (FL)
Hagerty	Lummis	Tuberville
Hawley	Marshall	

NAYS—76

Baldwin	Carper	Ernst
Bennet	Casey	Fetterman
Blumenthal	Collins	Fischer
Booker	Coons	Gillibrand
Boozman	Cornyn	Graham
Braun	Cortez Masto	Grassley
Brown	Cotton	Hassan
Butler	Cramer	Heinrich
Cantwell	Crapo	Hickenlooper
Capito	Duckworth	Hirono
Cardin	Durbin	Hoeven

Hyde-Smith	Ossoff	Sullivan
Kaine	Padilla	Tester
Kelly	Peters	Thune
King	Reed	Tillis
Klobuchar	Ricketts	Van Hollen
Lankford	Rosen	Warner
Lujan	Rounds	Warnock
Markey	Sanders	Warren
McConnell	Schatz	Welch
Menendez	Schmitt	Whitehouse
Merkley	Schumer	Wicker
Mullin	Shaheen	Wyden
Murkowski	Sinema	Young
Murphy	Smith	
Murray	Stabenow	

NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Manchin	Scott (SC)
Britt	Moran	Vance
Cassidy	Risch	
Daines	Romney	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this motion, the yeas are 14, the nays are 76, and the motion is not agreed to.

The motion was rejected.

MOTION TO COMMIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. LEE] moves to commit the bill H.R. 7463 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) provide continuing appropriations for the entire Federal Government through the end of fiscal year 2024.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be up to 2 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, this motion calls for a full-year CR. Let me tell you what a full-year CR taking us to September 30—if we were to go to a full-year CR, one taking us to September 30, we would save \$130 billion.

Now, there have been comments made on the floor even this evening that are not correct, suggesting that this would take disproportionately from defense. It is just not true. Under a full-year CR, regular defense would be \$1.4 billion higher relative to fiscal year 2023, while regular nondefense would be \$40 billion less than fiscal year 2023.

In a day and age in which we are living with a \$2 trillion deficit and crippling inflation coming as a result of that, we should take this as an opportunity to achieve a win for the American people.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, right now, our job is to avoid a government shutdown. The House has just sent us a very short, bipartisan CR to make sure that our Agencies and programs continue operating as we work together to pass the first six of our final funding bills next week. The House did its job. We need to do ours, and we need to keep pushing to complete our 2024 budget.

This motion would not prevent us from averting a shutdown. It would direct the Appropriations Committee to abandon weeks and weeks of very hard work and negotiations that reflect the input and interests of the Members of this body.

I urge a "no" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, that one took 14 minutes. Let's beat it on this one. Please stay in your seats.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

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

Mr. LEE. 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 12, nays 77, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 65 Leg.]

YEAS—12

Blackburn	Johnson	Marshall
Budd	Kennedy	Rubio
Cruz	Lee	Scott (FL)
Hawley	Lummis	Tuberville

NAYS—77

Baldwin	Graham	Reed
Bennet	Grassley	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Hagerty	Rosen
Booker	Hassan	Rounds
Boozman	Heinrich	Sanders
Braun	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Brown	Hirono	Schmitt
Butler	Hoeven	Schumer
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Shaheen
Capito	Kaine	Sinema
Cardin	Kelly	Smith
Carper	King	Stabenow
Casey	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Collins	Lankford	Tester
Coons	Lujan	Thune
Cornyn	Markey	Tillis
Cortez Masto	McConnell	Van Hollen
Cotton	Menendez	Warner
Cramer	Merkley	Warnock
Crapo	Mullin	Warren
Duckworth	Murkowski	Welch
Durbin	Murphy	Whitehouse
Ernst	Murray	Wicker
Fetterman	Ossoff	Wyden
Fischer	Padilla	Young
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—11

Barrasso	Manchin	Romney
Britt	Moran	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Paul	Vance
Daines	Risch	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OSSOFF). On this vote, the yeas are 12, the nays are 77.

The motion is rejected.

The Senator from Texas.

#### MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Texas [Mr. CRUZ] moves to commit the bill H.R. 7463 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee;

(2) provide continuing appropriations for the entire Federal Government through the end of fiscal year 2024; and

(3) include the text of the H.R. 2 (the Secure the Border Act of 2023), as passed by the House of Representatives on May 11, 2023.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I rise today with a motion to commit to instruct that H.R. 2 be added to this continuing resolution.

H.R. 2 contains a comprehensive plan to secure the border, to stop catch-and-release, to build the wall, to stop visa overstays, and to reform abuse of immigration, parole, and asylum laws.

In the past couple of weeks, we have seen tragedy across this country, including of a 22-year-old woman murdered in the State of Georgia, including a 2-year-old child murdered in the State of Virginia, including a 14-year-old child raped in Boston, MA, including a child under 14 raped in Louisiana—all by illegal aliens released by the Biden administration.

It is time for this to end. This bill has passed the House, and if the Senate wants to secure our open borders, we can do so right now—today.

I urge an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, the clock is ticking. We face a partial shutdown of the government tomorrow night. We cannot let the threat of that government shutdown be used as leverage to set aside the bipartisan agreement on the CR before us in order to jam through deeply partisan immigration policy. We are not going to throw in the towel on our very carefully negotiated funding bills we have worked on in favor of a full-year CR that would impose devastating across-the-board cuts to defense and nondefense programs.

Vote no.

#### VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Mr. CRUZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, that one was 11 minutes. Let us get to 10.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 32, nays 58, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 66 Leg.]

#### YEAS—32

Blackburn	Graham	Mullin
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Budd	Hagerty	Rubio
Capito	Hawley	Schmitt
Cornyn	Hoeven	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Johnson	Sullivan
Cramer	Kennedy	Thune
Crapo	Lankford	Tillis
Cruz	Lee	Tuberville
Ernst	Lummis	Vance
Fischer	Marshall	

#### NAYS—58

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Bennet	Hirono	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Booker	Kaine	Schumer
Braun	Kelly	Shaheen
Brown	King	Sinema
Butler	Klobuchar	Smith
Cantwell	Lujan	Stabenow
Cardin	Markey	Tester
Carper	McConnell	Van Hollen
Casey	Menendez	Warner
Collins	Merkley	Warnock
Coons	Murkowski	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wicker
Fetterman	Padilla	Wyden
Gillibrand	Peters	Young
Hassan	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

#### NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Manchin	Romney
Britt	Moran	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Paul	
Daines	Risch	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 32, the nays are 58.

The motion was rejected.

The majority leader.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I am happy to inform the American people there will be no government shutdown on Friday. When we pass this bill, we will have, thank God, avoided a shutdown, with all its harmful effects on the American people.

I thank my colleagues for working together. It is good we are not shutting down. Now let us finish the job of funding the government so we don't have to do this again.

As I have said repeatedly to the Speaker, the only way to get things done in divided government is bipartisanship. I am glad the Speaker heard

our plea and worked with us to avoid a shutdown.

Next week, we hope to bring the first six funding bills to the floor and send them to the President's desk before March 8. The vote tonight is a strong indication that we can work in a bipartisan way to get those bills passed.

We hope to finish funding all of the government by March 22. That is the commitment the Speaker made to us yesterday, and we are counting on him to follow through.

What we have done today has overcome the opposition of the MAGA hard right and gives us a formula for completing the appropriations process in a way that does not shut down the government and capitulate to extremists.

I thank Leader MCCONNELL, Speaker JOHNSON, Leader JEFFRIES, Chair MURRAY, Vice Chair COLLINS, and all the appropriators who helped reach this agreement.

#### VOTE ON H.R. 7463

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 77, nays 13, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 67 Leg.]

#### YEAS—77

Baldwin	Ernst	Lummis
Bennet	Fetterman	Markey
Blumenthal	Fischer	McConnell
Booker	Gillibrand	Menendez
Boozman	Graham	Merkley
Brown	Grassley	Mullin
Butler	Hagerty	Murkowski
Cantwell	Hassan	Murphy
Capito	Heinrich	Murray
Cardin	Hickenlooper	Ossoff
Carper	Hirono	Padilla
Casey	Hoeven	Peters
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Reed
Coons	Kaine	Ricketts
Cornyn	Kelly	Rosen
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Rounds
Cotton	King	Rubio
Cramer	Klobuchar	Sanders
Duckworth	Lankford	Schatz
Durbin	Lujan	Schumer

Shaheen	Thune	Welch
Sinema	Tillis	Whitehouse
Smith	Van Hollen	Wicker
Stabenow	Warner	Wyden
Sullivan	Warnock	Young
Tester	Warren	

## NAYS—13

Blackburn	Hawley	Scott (FL)
Braun	Johnson	Tuberville
Budd	Lee	Vance
Crapo	Marshall	
Cruz	Schmitt	

## NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Manchin	Romney
Britt	Moran	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Paul	
Daines	Risch	

(Mr. WELCH assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). On this vote, the yeas are 77, the nays are 13.

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

The bill (H.R. 7463) was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 518.

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 Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. 518, Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Charles E. Schumer, Jack Reed, Mark R. Warner, Jeanne Shaheen, Tim Kaine, Christopher A. Coons, Tammy Duckworth, Raphael G. Warnock, Richard J. Durbin, Debbie Stabenow, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Angus S. King, Jr., Alex Padilla, Mark Kelly, Chris Van Hollen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Michael F. Bennet.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 529.

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 Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2028.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. 529, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2028.

Charles E. Schumer, Bernard Sanders, Brian Schatz, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Mark Kelly, Alex Padilla, Richard J. Durbin, Tammy Baldwin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Gary C. Peters, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Catherine Cortez Masto, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeanne Shaheen, Debbie Stabenow.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 456.

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 Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. 456, Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Charles E. Schumer, Gary C. Peters, Tim Kaine, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen, Tammy Duckworth, Tina Smith, Christopher A. Coons, Chris Van Hollen, Mark R. Warner, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Alex Padilla, Brian Schatz, Mark Kelly.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, February 29, be waived.

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

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 517, Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

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

The nomination was confirmed.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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.

## 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I want to recognize an important milestone: the 90th Anniversary of the Export-Import Bank—EXIM—of the United States.