

Schatz	Sullivan	Warren
Schumer	Tester	Welch
Scott (FL)	Thune	Whitehouse
Scott (SC)	Tillis	Wicker
Shaheen	Tuberville	Wyden
Sinema	Van Hollen	Young
Smith	Warner	
Stabenow	Warnock	

NAYS—11

Braun	Kennedy	Romney
Crapo	Lee	Sanders
Hawley	Paul	Schmitt
Johnson	Risch	

NOT VOTING—4

Manchin	Schiff
Rubio	Vance

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). On this vote, the yeas are 85, the nays are 11.

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

The bill (H.R. 10545) was passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Calendar Nos. 851, 853, 854, and 857.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (New Position); Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years; Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years; and Lanhee J. Chen, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years?

The nominations are confirmed en bloc.

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 actions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 3433

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, in a moment, I will ask for unanimous consent to pass H.R. 3433, the bipartisan Give Kids a Chance Act. I would like to highlight how important this legislation is for children with cancer all across this country.

The Give Kids a Chance Act finally authorizes the FDA to direct companies who are conducting research for adult cancer drugs to study those drugs in combination with others to see whether they also can work well for kids who have cancer.

The bill continues the work that Senator RUBIO and I started in 2017, when we worked together to pass the RACE for Children Act, which required sponsors of certain adult cancer drugs to study the benefits or the effects and their use in children.

Since then, Senator RUBIO and I have both learned that combination thera-

pies can be effective treatments and reduce the risk of side effects significantly, both for adults and for kids. That is why this legislation is so important.

This bill can help save the lives of children all over our country who have the most aggressive forms of cancer. It would ensure that pharmaceutical companies are being held accountable to study how their drugs affect children who may have the same kind of cancer as adults but who need more tailored treatment in combination with other drugs.

I know Senator RUBIO and I have both heard numerous stories from patients who have asked for themselves and parents who have asked on behalf of their children and who have advocated on behalf of children who have passed away.

This bill also authorizes the FDA to take enforcement action against companies that do not conduct the pediatric trials that are required under the Pediatric Research Equity Act and requires the FDA to report on enforcement of this act.

Additionally, the bill reauthorizes the FDA rare pediatric disease priority review voucher program through fiscal year 2029, which incentivizes drug development for rare pediatric diseases.

This bill has the support of dozens and dozens of organizations that represent kids and parents all across our country. I ask unanimous consent that their names be printed in the RECORD. In the interest of time this evening, I won't read them on the floor, although I want to say how deeply I appreciate their efforts.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Kids v Cancer, Arms Wide Open, Christina Renna Foundation Inc, Curing Kids Cancer, DADA2 Foundation, Elevate Childhood Cancer, End Kids Cancer, EVAN Foundation, Gabriella's Smile Foundation, Give Kids The World, just to name a few.

Mr. BENNET. I would also like to highlight the bipartisan nature of this work—Senator RUBIO, as a cosponsor, with Senators CASEY and MULLIN, who cosponsored provisions of this House bill as well.

This bill has passed unanimously out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. It has passed the House by voice vote.

Now is the time to pass this bill. If we pass it tonight, it will go to the President for his signature.

Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of and that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3433; further, that the bill be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I just want to say how deeply I regret the objection of the Senator from Kentucky. That is, of course, his right. I gather that he is objecting because he objects to the lateness of the hour and the time with which this request was made. At least, that is what I was told earlier tonight.

I think after we have been held here in place for hours and hours and hours, the idea that we are not going to be able to pass this legislation is deeply, deeply disappointing to the people who have advocated for this for all of these years. It is a reflection, I think, of how broken this place is in the way that it puts its own interests ahead of the interests of the people who we represent. But we will be back to fight another day.

Mr. President, I wish you and the staff here in the Senate at this late hour, and my colleagues who are here as well, happy holidays and Merry Christmas. We will see you in the new year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 4531

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to pass into law lifesaving, bipartisan legislation that will enable us to keep fighting the opioid and fentanyl epidemic that has destroyed families and devastated communities across our country.

New data from just this week found that drug overdose deaths dropped 17 percent from last summer to this summer. We now have a much better sense of what works to prevent and treat addiction, the resources we need to do so, and the light that exists on the other end of this terrible, terrible tunnel. But we can only get there if we keep up the fight.

The SUPPORT Act of 2018 established vital addiction treatment infrastructure. Reauthorizing this law is essential to our addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. Just two of many examples include funding addiction treatment for pregnant women and supporting first responders.

The original SUPPORT Act passed the Senate with 98 votes, and the bipartisan reauthorization passed the House with 386 votes. Now the Senate must send it to the President's desk before we adjourn for the year. This is not the time for complacency, nor is it time for despair. Nothing less than people's lives depend on us acting.

So, Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4531 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; further, that the bill be considered read a third time and

passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from New Hampshire.

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I will just say that I regret the objection. A Senate version of the reauthorization was, of course, included in the package that we all agreed on—bipartisan agreement in both the Senate and the House, after months and months of work, reauthorized through our committee process—and was stripped out, of course, on Wednesday at the instruction of Mr. Musk. So the House had already passed this bipartisan bill. It had huge and overwhelming bipartisan support there, and this is really unfortunate because, of course, the opioid epidemic—especially the fentanyl epidemic—continues to devastate our communities, and it is truly unfortunate that the objection was made to-night.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. BENNET. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the work of the 118th Congress comes to an end. The majority in this Chamber will soon change hands.

Tonight, I would like to take a moment to thank my colleagues for their outstanding work over the past 4 years. This was the most productive, ambitious, and historic 4 years the Senate has seen in decades. I am proud that many of our biggest accomplishments were bipartisan—something I hope the incoming majority embraces as a model. And the accomplishments speak for themselves. They are enormous. I was so proud to lead the Senate when we did so much for so many people—and, as I said, so much of it bipartisan.

It started at the beginning in 2020, when COVID was at its worst. We passed the American Rescue Plan, sending checks to every mailbox and shots in every arm. It helped reduce the problems with COVID so quickly—more quickly than people ever felt.

We passed a once-in-a-generation bipartisan infrastructure law. You see the effects of it all over America right now. Infrastructure is being rebuilt. People are being employed. Our country is getting more efficient, which it always does when we have better infrastructure. It rebuilt America's roads, bridges, and highways. It provided kids

with safe drinking water. Rural communities and urban communities got access to broadband, which they had never had before—so essential in the 21st century.

We brought manufacturing jobs back to our shores and revitalized American innovation through the Chips and Science Act.

We took on the NRA and won by passing the first gun safety law in 30 years.

We passed the greatest expansion of veterans care in a generation to ensure that no veteran is denied treatment related to toxic exposure and burn pits.

On this and almost every one of these issues, it was the Senate that led the way; bipartisan—Senators got together with one another and passed legislation that then the House followed and the President signed. But make no mistake about it, we were the cauldron; we were the place where it all got put together and melded together. And I am proud of the job, frankly, that I did as majority leader, but I am so proud of our Senators on both sides of the aisle who got so much done.

There were other things we did as well. We stood with our friends in Ukraine as they defend their country against the brutality of Vladimir Putin.

We took a stand to protect marriage equality.

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, we made insulin \$35 a month for millions of seniors.

We empowered Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for the first time.

The IRA was also the most ambitious clean energy bill in American history. The effects are happening all over the country. Our kids are going to breathe cleaner air. Our communities will see less pollution. Future generations are going to see millions of new, good-paying jobs as we complete the wind and solar and nuclear and all the other parts of the bill.

Again, it made us so proud of what we were able to do. It was incredible. The list goes on and on. Our legacy in these past 4 years when we were in the majority is just large. It is grand. I am proud of it.

We also, let's not forget, confirmed 235 highly qualified and historic judges to the bench—more than a quarter of all active judges. We are so proud of this ambitious record.

Years from now, when Americans drive on better roads, buy cleaner cars, make faster chips, have better paying jobs, save on prescription drugs, it will be the work of this majority.

In conclusion, I want to thank the staff here in the Senate who work behind the scenes and make this Chamber come to life, the incredible floor staff sitting here who do incredible work. Thank you to the miracle workers in the cloakroom. They always find everybody, wherever they are. If you say someone is missing, there they are. Thank you to the Senate doorkeepers, to the Secretary of the Senate, and the

Senate Sergeant at Arms, to the pages and support staff, and to all of those who make this place function.

A special thanks to my staff. What an amazing, hard-working, dedicated, smart, passionate, and caring group of people they are. I know this for sure: Without my staff, none of this would have been accomplished. They keep me going. Sometimes when I veer off course, they get me back on course. Sometimes when I am doing too much, they sort of limit me. Oftentimes, when I want to do something that is a yes, they sometimes say no, but all too often, they find a better way to do yes. So they are great. I love them, and I am grateful to them as well.

There will be much to do in the year to come. The work will continue. The challenges will be great. And we will no longer be in the majority; we will be in the minority. But our North Star will not change: working every single day to serve the American people and reward the trust they have placed in us.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of PN Nos. 794; 795; 796, excepting Peter Gauthier, Mark Gray, Steven Rynecki, Lori Du Trieuille; 898, excepting Kenneth MacLean, Amanda Van den Dool, Adriana Harvey; 1535; 1536; 1538; 1539, excepting Sean Jones, Karl Fickenscher; 1540 excepting Kenneth MacLean; 1975; 2031; 2146; 2148; 2233; 2234; 2235; 2004; 1537 excepting Janee P. Pierre-Louis; 1978; and 2147; that the Senate proceed to their en bloc consideration and vote without intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of PN Nos. 794; 795; 796, excepting Peter Gauthier, Mark Gray, Steven Rynecki, Lori Du Trieuille; 898, excepting Kenneth MacLean, Amanda Van den Dool, Adriana Harvey; 1535; 1536; 1538; 1539, excepting Sean Jones, Karl Fickenscher; 1540 excepting Kenneth