

are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer and the middle class is being squeezed, we are very fortunate to have this good man in the Senate. I am confident he will treasure his memories in this historic legislative body and serve his Nation and State with distinction.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Before we have this ceremony, I wish to say one thing about CORY BOOKER. I have talked about his great academic record. But for me, a frustrated wannabe athlete, his most impressive qualification, as far as I am concerned, is that he was a tight end for one of the great Stanford football teams.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate a Certificate of Election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

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

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixteenth day of October, 2013, Cory Booker, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2015, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the death of Frank Lautenberg.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-eighth day of October two thousand and thirteen.

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-elect will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designee, escorted by Mr. MENENDEZ, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator. Welcome.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF MELVIN L. WATT TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FED- ERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGEN- CY—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding we are going to move now to the nomination of Mr. WATT. I yield back the time for the majority and the Republicans.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered. The time is yielded back.

CLOTURE MOTION

Under the previous order, the cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of MELVIN L. WATT, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Harry Reid, Tim Johnson, Mark Begich, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Martin Heinrich, Patty Murray, Bernard Sanders, Jeanne Shaheen, Benjamin L. Cardin, Al Franken, Sherrod Brown, Tom Harkin, Jack Reed, Thomas R. Carper, Sheldon Whitehouse, Bill Nelson, Charles E. Schumer.

The VICE PRESIDENT. 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 MELVIN L. WATT, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of 5 years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ).

The VICE PRESIDENT. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 56, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Ex.]
YEAS—56

Baldwin	Hagan	Murray
Baucus	Harkin	Nelson
Begich	Heinrich	Portman
Bennet	Heitkamp	Pryor
Blumenthal	Hirono	Reed
Booker	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Boxer	Kaine	Sanders
Brown	King	Schatz
Burr	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cantwell	Landrieu	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Stabenow
Carper	Levin	Tester
Casey	Manchin	Udall (CO)
Coons	Markey	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	McCaskill	Warner
Durbin	Menendez	Warren
Feinstein	Merkley	Whitehouse
Franken	Mikulski	Wyden
Gillibrand	Murphy	

NAYS—42

Alexander	Blunt	Coats
Ayotte	Boozman	Coburn
Barrasso	Chambliss	Cochran

Collins	Hoeven	Reid
Corker	Isakson	Risch
Cornyn	Johanns	Roberts
Crapo	Johnson (WI)	Rubio
Enzi	Kirk	Scott
Fischer	Lee	Sessions
Flake	McCain	Shelby
Graham	McConnell	Thune
Grassley	Moran	Toomey
Hatch	Murkowski	Vitter
Heller	Paul	Wicker

NOT VOTING—2

Cruz	Inhofe
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The VICE PRESIDENT. On this vote the yeas are 56, the nays are 42. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having not voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Watt nomination.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The motion is entered.

NOMINATION OF PATRICIA ANN MILLETT TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DIS- TRICT OF COLUMBIA

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, John D. Rockefeller IV, Benjamin L. Cardin, Jon Tester, Sheldon Whitehouse, Mark R. Warner, Patty Murray, Mazie Hirono, Angus S. King, Jr. Barbara Boxer, Jeanne Shaheen, Robert Menendez, Bill Nelson, Debbie Stabenow, Richard Blumenthal

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual format.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Patricia Millett is unquestionably qualified to be the next judge on the DC Circuit. The Senate will soon vote to end debate on her nomination and I hope that the rank partisanship that shut down our Government earlier this month will not be on display again with this upcoming vote. I hope the moderates who prided themselves in finding a solution to the shutdown will agree that Ms. Millett is an extraordinary nominee who should not be filibustered.

Over the last few weeks, I have heard those who want to filibuster Ms. Millett make some unfounded claims to justify their partisan agenda. First they asserted that the President is