The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF STEVEN CROLEY TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk reported the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

ENERGY SAVINGS AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2014—Resumed

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the only amendments to Calendar No. 368, S. 2262, be in order for floor consideration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, we had an agreement to do the bill. Then we changed it to do it with Keystone. That is still our agreement. We are willing to do this bill, energy efficiency, which is such a good bill. We are in agreement that we could have an up-or-down vote very shortly thereafter.

So without going through all of the details, that is what I want to do. He does not want to do that. I object to his unanimous consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, therefore, I propose a different unanimous consent agreement. I ask unanimous consent that the only amendments in order be five amendments from the Republicans relating to energy policy with a 60-vote threshold on adoption of each amendment. I further ask that following the disposition of these amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under Rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk reads as follows:

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 S. 2262, a bill to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and for other purposes.


The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Will the Senate adopt the Motion to Close Debate on S. 2262?

Mr. DURBIN. The nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, is not necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted “nay,” the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) would have voted “nay,” and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) would have voted “nay.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 142 Leg.]

YEAS—55

Ayotte   Bennett   Blumenthal   Bnia   Boozman   Brown   Cardwell   Cardin   Carper   Casey   Collins   Coons   Donnelly   Durbin   Feinstein   Feinest   Gillibrand   Hagan   Harkin

Barrasso   Blunt   Burr

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Barrasso   Blunt   Burr

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented.