

an agreed-upon list of amendments, narrowly related to the bill that the Finance Committee did in its consideration of the bill in the committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I certainly want to thank my good friend, the chairman of the Finance Committee, for his observation. He is moving in the right direction. As everyone is clearly aware, the issue of not allowing amendments is a highly sensitive matter. The Senate has been changed dramatically in recent years.

The time to have a negotiation over amendments is before cloture is invoked, not after. If there is an indication on the other side that we are willing to have that negotiation, the time to do it is now because our experience postcloture with the ability to offer amendments has not been good, to put it mildly.

So I think the chairman of the Finance Committee is headed in the right direction. The timing is a little off. We would like to have this negotiation over amendments before cloture is invoked on the bill.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

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

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Robert Menendez, Christopher Murphy, Elizabeth Warren, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Cory A. Booker, Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, Charles E. Schumer, Edward J. Markey.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

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

from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Ex.]

#### YEAS—59

Ayotte	Graham	Murkowski
Baldwin	Hagan	Murphy
Begich	Harkin	Murray
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Nelson
Booker	Heitkamp	Pryor
Boxer	Hirono	Reed
Brown	Isakson	Reid
Cantwell	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Cardin	Kaine	Schumer
Carper	King	Shaheen
Casey	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Chambliss	Landrieu	Tester
Collins	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Coons	Levin	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	Markey	Walsh
Durbin	McCain	Walsh
Feinstein	McCaskill	Warner
Flake	Menendez	Warren
Franken	Merkley	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Mikulski	Wyden

#### NAYS—35

Alexander	Grassley	Portman
Barrasso	Hatch	Risch
Blunt	Heller	Roberts
Coats	Hoeven	Rubio
Coburn	Inhofe	Scott
Cochran	Johanns	Sessions
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Shelby
Cornyn	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Vitter
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Paul	

#### NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	Burr	Rockefeller
Boozman	Manchin	Sanders

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 59, the nays are 35. The motion is agreed to.

#### NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS L. RAYES TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mr. MCCAIN. I yield back the remainder of my time.

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

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United

States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Robert Menendez, Christopher Murphy, Elizabeth Warren, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, Charles E. Schumer, Edward J. Markey, Cory A. Booker.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 61, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 152 Ex.]

#### YEAS—61

Ayotte	Gillibrand	Murkowski
Baldwin	Graham	Murphy
Barrasso	Hagan	Murray
Begich	Harkin	Nelson
Bennet	Heinrich	Pryor
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reed
Booker	Hirono	Reid
Boxer	Isakson	Schatz
Brown	Johnson (SD)	Schumer
Cantwell	Kaine	Shaheen
Cardin	King	Stabenow
Carper	Klobuchar	Tester
Casey	Landrieu	Udall (CO)
Chambliss	Leahy	Udall (NM)
Collins	Levin	Walsh
Coons	Markey	Walsh
Donnelly	McCain	Warner
Durbin	McCaskill	Warren
Feinstein	Menendez	Whitehouse
Flake	Merkley	Wyden
Franken	Mikulski	

#### NAYS—35

Alexander	Grassley	Portman
Blunt	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Coats	Hoeven	Rubio
Coburn	Inhofe	Scott
Cochran	Johanns	Sessions
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Shelby
Cornyn	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Vitter
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Paul	

#### NOT VOTING—4

Boozman	Rockefeller
Manchin	Sanders

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 61, the nays are 35. The motion is agreed to.