

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 276, S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 276, S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, David Perdue, Pat Roberts, John Thune, Dan Sullivan, Roy Blunt, Chuck Grassley, Thom Tillis, Steve Daines, Jeff Sessions, John Barrasso, John Boozman, Richard Burr, Mike Lee, Tim Scott, Deb Fischer, Joni Ernst.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask the Chair to lay before the body the message to accompany S. 764.

Mr. SANDERS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. SANDERS. Reserving the right to object, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

Is one of the acts in this overall bill entitled the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know that was a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. SANDERS. Excuse me, I would like an answer to my question, please. Regular order. I asked the question.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Defund Planned Parenthood Act is part of the House message to the Senate.

Mr. SANDERS. In other words, sir, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 is part of the legislation we are voting on; is that correct? Yes? No? Maybe?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the Senator please restate his inquiry?

Mr. SANDERS. Yes. Is it possible that, as part of the legislation that the Senator from Kentucky has introduced, that there is a title in there called the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015?

Is that title in the legislation we are voting on?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The language in question is part of the House amendment.

Mr. SANDERS. Thank you very much.

I ask that that language be withdrawn right now.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, would the Senator yield? I think I can clear up his concern.

Mr. SANDERS. No, I really won't yield. My request is that that language be withdrawn now with unanimous consent.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has the floor.

Mr. SANDERS. I believe I have the floor.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if I may, I think we have explained this to everybody over and over again. Let me try again.

The Roberts amendment that I will offer is a complete—a complete—substitute for the underlying language that concerns some of our colleagues on the other side.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator will state his inquiry.

Mr. LEAHY. Parliamentary inquiry: Notwithstanding what the majority leader has said, the legislation he brought up would defund Planned Parenthood; is that correct, if it was accepted?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is not a judgement for the Parliamentarian.

Mr. LEAHY. Parliamentary inquiry: Would that be a position for the United States Senate if we were allowed to vote on it?

Ms. STABENOW. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

Mr. LEAHY. Could I get an answer to my parliamentary inquiry?

Ms. STABENOW. Excuse me. I am sorry.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. If I were to offer the Roberts amendment that will be a complete substitute for the underlying language, would it not alleviate the concern that our colleagues on the other side have?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question before the Senate would be the amendment offered by the majority leader.

Mr. LEAHY. Further Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The House can respond in whatever manner it chooses.

Mrs. BOXER. What does that mean?

Mr. LEAHY. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President: If the majority leader were to withdraw the House bill to defund Planned Parenthood and replace

it with the Roberts GMO bill, would the acceptance of that be a debatable motion before the Senate? Not asking how we should vote, but would that be a debatable motion?

Mr. MCCONNELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Who has the floor? The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has the floor.

Mr. MCCONNELL. All right. It is my understanding that I don't have the authority to withdraw a House amendment. What I am doing here, if our friends and colleagues on the other side will let me, is to offer a complete substitute for that, which is the Roberts amendment, which I think everybody understands the content of.

Mr. SCHUMER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Roberts amendment would be the question before the Senate. The House would have to respond to the Senate substitute.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, further Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. If the majority leader were to withdraw the Planned Parenthood amendment and put in the Roberts amendment, which has not been previously debated, would a vote on acceptance of that be a debatable issue?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader may not withdraw House language. He can only propose an amendment to the substitute or concur in that amendment. Those are debatable questions.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, further parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. President, if my friend the majority leader were to be able to do what he has proposed, would the resolution of that matter, then, be a matter of debate before the body under the normal Senate of rules?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes, the motion to concur is debatable.

Mr. LEAHY. I thank the Presiding Officer.

Mrs. BOXER. Parliamentary inquiry. Mr. President, Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mrs. BOXER. I just want to understand where we are, because there is a lot of angst and discomfort, and I want to say to Senator HIRONO, who happened to read what we are voting on, which I really appreciate, and called it to our attention—is it the Presiding Officer's view, in answer to Senator LEAHY and Senator SANDERS, that the Senate has no ability to strike the title called the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 at this time; that we do not have the ability to do this? Could we not do it by unanimous consent or would that not be allowed as well?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate does not strike language; it proposes amendments.

Mrs. BOXER. So if I were to make a unanimous consent request—further parliamentary—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Which amendment could be a complete substitute replacing that language.

Mrs. BOXER. Even the title?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The title amendment is a separate question.

Mrs. BOXER. So the title will remain; is that correct? Even after the majority leader does what he says he is going to do, the title called Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 would remain; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The short title is part of the amendment.

Mrs. BOXER. I am sorry. I am trying to get an answer. I didn't hear it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair is trying to answer.

The short title is part of the amendment to the House which the majority leader's proposed amendment would replace.

Mrs. BOXER. So the title would no longer be in the bill; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That depends on the action of the House in response to the Senate amendment on the bill.

Mrs. BOXER. So the House is going to determine whether or not to remove this title: "This Act may be cited as the 'Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.'"

I just say to my friends, I don't know why the majority leader chose to bring up this shell. He could have brought up any other shell. We should vote no on this.

Mr. McCONNELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Regular order has been called for.

Is there objection to laying down—

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry.

What is the title of the bill?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

S. 764, entitled "An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes."

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, we have many disputes around here over major issues, but I am perplexed by where we are.

What I am trying to do is to offer a complete substitute, the Roberts amendment—and I think everybody understands what that is. I must say I don't think there is a single person in America who would think any of our colleagues over here would vote to defund Planned Parenthood.

We are not trying to trick anybody. We are trying to get to the Roberts amendment, and I am offering a complete substitute for a bill with a title that I don't think sounds particularly offensive from a Democratic point of view. I am perplexed as to what the problem is here.

Mr. SCHUMER. Would the majority leader yield for a question?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has made a motion.

The Senator from New York.

Mr. SCHUMER. Would the majority leader yield for a question?

Mr. McCONNELL. I will be happy to yield to the Senator from New York.

Mr. SCHUMER. So once the majority leader strikes everything but the title about whatever it was, the words "Planned Parenthood" will not appear in the bill before us at all; is that correct?

Mr. McCONNELL. Yes. My understanding is it will not be in there at all.

Mr. SCHUMER. Thank you, Majority Leader.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, may I make a further—

Mr. McCONNELL. Regular order, Mr. President.

Mr. LEAHY. Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the laying down of the message to accompany S. 764.

Mr. LEAHY. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader has the floor.

Will the majority leader yield for a parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. McCONNELL. Regular order, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Regular order has been called for.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, would the majority leader yield for a question?

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

Mrs. ERNST. 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. REID. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 68, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 117 Leg.]

YEAS—68

Alexander	Donnelly	McCaskill
Ayotte	Enzi	McConnell
Baldwin	Ernst	Moran
Barrasso	Feinstein	Nelson
Bennet	Fischer	Perdue
Blunt	Flake	Peters
Boozman	Franken	Portman
Brown	Gardner	Risch
Burr	Graham	Roberts
Capito	Grassley	Rounds
Carper	Hatch	Rubio
Casey	Heitkamp	Sasse
Cassidy	Heller	Scott
Coats	Hoeven	Sessions
Cochran	Inhofe	Shaheen
Collins	Isakson	Shelby
Coons	Johnson	Stabenow
Corker	King	Thune
Cornyn	Kirk	Tillis
Cotton	Klobuchar	Toomey
Crapo	Lankford	Vitter
Cruz	Lee	Wicker
Daines	McCain	

NAYS—29

Blumenthal	Markey	Sanders
Booker	Menendez	Schatz
Boxer	Merkley	Schumer
Cantwell	Mikulski	Sullivan
Cardin	Murkowski	Tester
Gillibrand	Murphy	Udall
Heinrich	Murray	Warren
Hirono	Paul	Whitehouse
Kaine	Reed	Wyden
Leahy	Reid	

NOT VOTING—3

Durbin	Manchin	Warner
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The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 764) entitled "An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes," do pass with an amendment.

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill with McConnell (for Roberts) amendment No. 3450 (to the House amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MOTION TO REFER WITHDRAWN

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to refer to the Committee on Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3450 WITHDRAWN

Mr. McCONNELL. I withdraw the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 764 with a further amendment, No. 3450.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 4935

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to concur in the House amendment to S. 764 with the Roberts substitute amendment that strikes and replaces the House amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] moves to concur in the House amendment to S. 764 with an amendment numbered 4935.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk on the motion to concur with amendment.

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 motion to concur in the House amendment with

an amendment to S. 764, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Crapo, John Thune, Richard Burr, James M. Inhofe, Pat Roberts, Lamar Alexander, John Barrasso, Thad Cochran, Deb Fischer, Shelley Moore Capito, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, David Perdue, Jerry Moran, John Hoeven, Roger F. Wicker.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on the motion to concur with amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4936 TO AMENDMENT NO. 4935

Mr. McCONNELL. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 4936 to amendment No. 4935.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment.

MOTION TO REFER WITH AMENDMENT NO. 4937

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to refer the House message on S. 764 to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 4937.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] moves to refer the House message on S. 764 to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment numbered 4937.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on my motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4938

Mr. McCONNELL. I have an amendment to the instructions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 4938 to the instructions of the motion to refer S. 764.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall take effect 3 days after the date of enactment.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask for the yeas and nays on my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4939 TO AMENDMENT NO. 4938

Mr. McCONNELL. I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] proposes an amendment numbered 4939 to amendment No. 4938.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike "3 days" and insert "4 days".

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, an act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, Tom Cotton, Shelley Moore Capito, Mike Crapo, Thad Cochran, Jerry Moran, Richard C. Shelby, John Hoeven, Lamar Alexander, Orrin G. Hatch, Daniel Coats, Pat Roberts, John Barrasso, Bill Cassidy, John Thune, John Boozman, John Cornyn.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for these cloture motions be waived.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

FUNERAL OF FREDERICK CHARLES "BULLDOG" BECKER IV

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, last week I had the opportunity to pay tribute to a gentleman by the name of Fred Becker. We knew him lovingly

and affectionately as "Bulldog." He was a veteran and a veterans activist. He passed away on June 11.

This past Friday, Bulldog's remains were interred at Fort Richardson in Anchorage. He occupied a very special place in my heart, so it was important that I be there to attend those services. It was really quite a spectacle. Bulldog was a leader of several veterans motorcycle groups. So there were more than 100 of his fellow veterans—all on bikes—who accompanied the remains to the final resting place there at Fort Richardson Cemetery. But if that were not special enough, in and of itself, there were several hundred airmen and soldiers—some say 400—that were lined up once you went through the gates there on Fort Richardson. About every 10 feet, there was an airman or a soldier for almost 2 miles into where the ceremony was. These individuals were there to pay tribute to a man who every day—every day—worked to show respect to other veterans and worked to ensure that the service and the sacrifice of those veterans would never be forgotten.

So at every ceremony—whether it was Veterans Day or Memorial Day or a salute to the military or to the change of command and at every retirement—Bulldog was there. So it was so inspiring to be there and to see the tribute paid to this amazing man.

It was Col. Brian Bruckbauer, who is the commander of the 673rd Air Base Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, who organized this extraordinary tribute, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Colonel Bruckbauer, his fellow leaders at JBER, and the soldiers and airmen who came out on Friday afternoon.

CELEBRATING TALKEETNA'S CENTENNIAL

Mr. President, coming up this next week, on July 4, the historic community of Talkeetna, AK, which sits just at the base of Denali, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. Talkeetna sits at the confluence of three glacially fed rivers. Originally settled by the Dena'ina people, it was an important location for fishing and hunting. The name Talkeetna derives from a Dena'ina word which means "river of plenty."

The gold rush of 1896 brought prospectors to the area. In 1905, gold was discovered in the Yentna-Cache Creek mining district to the west of town. Sternwheeler riverboats traveling up the Susitna River docked at Talkeetna, establishing the town as a supply center for the local mining districts.

Then came the Alaska Railroad. In 1914, President Wilson signed a law enabling the construction of the railroad from Seward to Fairbanks. Talkeetna was then designated as the district headquarters for railroad construction, increasing its population by about 400 people at the outset. Then, that grew to 1,000 people at the peak of construction. In December of 1916, the Talkeetna Post Office was opened, which really established it.