

Finally, we are close to a deal on the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill. I hope we can finish negotiations on this bill this week. This is our Nation's infrastructure bill. I worked very closely with Senator SHELBY on this. We want to rebuild our crumbling bridges and roads. We want to invest in our communities and create jobs for thousands of workers across this country.

Funding the government is one of Congress's basic responsibilities. I would urge my friends in the other body to do what Senator SHELBY and I have done. Drop poison pill riders so that we can send this bill to the President before October 1. We can do it. I realize we need 60 votes in the Senate. We don't have poison pill riders, so that should be easy to do. We can get 9 of the 12 bills across the finish line by October 1.

I am pleased we are going to be voting on the Defense and Labor-HHS package today. I thank Chairman SHELBY and the chair and ranking members of the subcommittees, Senators BLUNT, MURRAY, and DURBIN, and the staff of the Appropriations Committee. We never could have done this without the hard work of both the Democratic staff and the Republican staff.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the names of all those staff members.

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

Charles Kieffer, Chanda Betourney, Jessica Berry, Jay Tilton, Jean Kwon, Erik Raven, Alex Keenan, David Gillies, Bridgit Houton, John Lucio, Andy Vanlandingham, Mark Laisch, Lisa Bernhardt, Kelly Brown, Catie Finley, Teri Curtin, Shannon Hines, Jonathan Graffeo, David Adkins, Mary Collins Atkinson, Brian Potts, Laura Friedel.

Mike Clementi, Colleen Gaydos, Katy Hagan, Chris Hall, Hanz Heinrichs, Kate Käufer, Jacqui Russell, Will Todd, Carlos Elias, Michael Gentile, Ashley Palmer, Jeff Reczek, Courtney Bradford, Robert Putnam, Christy Greene, Jenny Winkler, Clint Trocchio, George Castro, Hong Nguyen, Valerie Hutton, Elmer Barnes, Penny Myles, Karin Thames.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I think we are ready to vote.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The 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 conference report to accompany H.R. 6157, an act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, Orrin G. Hatch, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Lamar Alex-

ander, Marco Rubio, Johnny Isakson, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, John Hoeven, Steve Daines, James M. Inhofe, Cory Gardner, Shelley Moore Capito, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, John Thune.

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 conference report to accompany H.R. 6157, an act to make appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

(Mr. GARDNER assumed the Chair.)

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 92, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 211 Leg.]

YEAS—92

Alexander
Baldwin
Barrasso
Bennet
Blumenthal
Blunt
Booker
Boozman
Brown
Burr
Cantwell
Capito
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Cassidy
Collins
Coons
Corker
Cornyn
Cortez Masto
Cotton
Crapo
Cruz
Donnelly
Duckworth
Durbin
Enzi
Feinstein
Fischer
Flake

Gardner
Gillibrand
Graham
Grassley
Harris
Hassan
Hatch
Heinrich
Heitkamp
Heller
Hirono
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Isakson
Johnson
Jones
Kaine
Kennedy
King
Klobuchar
Kyl
Leahy
Manchin
Markey
McCaskill
McConnell
Menendez
Merkley
Moran
Murkowski

Murphy
Murray
Nelson
Peters
Portman
Reed
Risch
Roberts
Rounds
Rubio
Sasse
Schatz
Schumer
Scott
Shaheen
Shelby
Smith
Stabenow
Sullivan
Tester
Thune
Tillis
Udall
Van Hollen
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wicker
Wyden
Young

NAYS—8

Daines
Ernst
Lankford

Lee
Paul
Perdue

Sanders
Toomey

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS—93

Alexander
Baldwin
Barrasso
Bennet
Blumenthal
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Booker
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Brown
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Heinrich
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Heller
Hirono
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Isakson
Johnson
Jones
Kaine
Kennedy
King
Klobuchar
Kyl
Lankford
Leahy
Manchin
Markey
McCaskill
McConnell
Menendez
Merkley

Moran
Murkowski
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Murray
Nelson
Peters
Portman
Reed
Risch
Roberts
Rounds
Rubio
Schatz
Schumer
Scott
Shaheen
Shelby
Smith
Stabenow
Sullivan
Tester
Thune
Tillis
Udall
Van Hollen
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wicker
Wyden
Young

NAYS—7

Flake
Lee
Paul

Perdue
Sanders
Sasse

Toomey

The conference report was agreed to.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:07 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. PORTMAN).

MORNING BUSINESS—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will come to order.

The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, the Senate proceed to executive session for the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 849 and 850.

I further ask that there then be 2 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form and that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc, with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid