

home to the Coast Guard yard in Curtis Bay, our Nation's facility for maintaining and repairing the Coast Guard fleet, and I am proud of the work they do every day to support the security of our Nation and ships at sea. However, I remain concerned with title IV of this bill, the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act, VIDA, which would regulate ballast water discharge from ships in the United States. While these provisions have improved since they were first brought to the floor, the title continues to preempt State authority on ballast water discharge from ships. The State of Maryland currently has a more protective standard that is critical to maintaining a healthy Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay Watershed is enormous: 64,000 square miles, part of six States and the entire District of Columbia, and almost 18 million people.

The Chesapeake Bay is one of Maryland's crown jewels, and it is of upmost importance to me that we continue the progress in cleaning up the bay. The Chesapeake Bay is a delicate ecosystem that is particularly sensitive to invasive species that can be spread through ballast water discharge. These invasive species could compete with our native species in the bay like blue crab, oysters, and striped bass.

There are many provisions of this bill that I will support through the conference process, including additional funding for operating expenses and acquisition funding and \$30 million for environmental compliance and restoration. The Coast Guard yard in Curtis Bay is currently on EPA's National Priorities List and the Coast Guard's priority list and is eligible for this funding.

The bill also includes a provision that allows for incentive payments to go to Curtis Bay's wage-grade employees who demonstrate improvements in performance or delivery during a project.

I hope to gain clarity on section 310 of the bill, which claims to provide more flexibility to choose where ship alterations or repairs can occur. I am concerned that this provision may have unintended consequences in certain situations, particularly with respect to the Coast Guard yard. As this bill moves to conference and eventually the President, I hope to work with my colleagues to clear up this provision and will continue to advocate for the rights of States like Maryland to protect their clean water.

I will vote no today, but believe that we can continue to improve this bill in the conference process. I look forward to working with my colleagues to do so.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

AMENDING THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE WATER RIGHTS QUANTIFICATION ACT OF 2010

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 140, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

House message to accompany S. 140, a bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell (for Thune) modified amendment No. 4054, in the nature of a substitute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 140, with amendment No. 4054, as modified.

Mr. WICKER. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 241 Leg.]

YEAS—94

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| Alexander | Gardner | Murray |
| Baldwin | Graham | Nelson |
| Barrasso | Grassley | Paul |
| Bennet | Hassan | Perdue |
| Blumenthal | Hatch | Peters |
| Blunt | Heinrich | Portman |
| Booker | Heitkamp | Reed |
| Boozman | Heller | Risch |
| Brown | Hirono | Roberts |
| Burr | Hoeven | Rounds |
| Cantwell | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Capito | Inhofe | Sasse |
| Carper | Isakson | Schatz |
| Casey | Johnson | Scott |
| Cassidy | Jones | Shaheen |
| Collins | Kaine | Shelby |
| Coons | Kennedy | Smith |
| Corker | King | Stabenow |
| Cornyn | Klobuchar | Sullivan |
| Cortez Masto | Kyl | Tester |
| Cotton | Lankford | Thune |
| Crapo | Leahy | Tillis |
| Cruz | Lee | Toomey |
| Daines | Manchin | Udall |
| Donnelly | Markey | Warner |
| Duckworth | McCaskill | Warren |
| Durbin | McConnell | Whitehouse |
| Enzi | Menendez | Wicker |
| Ernst | Merkley | Wyden |
| Feinstein | Moran | Young |
| Fischer | Murkowski | |
| Flake | Murphy | |

NAYS—6

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| Cardin | Harris | Schumer |
| Gillibrand | Sanders | Van Hollen |

The motion was agreed to.

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 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 nomination of Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

Mitch McConnell, Mike Rounds, Jon Kyl, Tom Cotton, John Thune, Roger F. Wicker, Thom Tillis, John Boozman, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, David Perdue, Johnny Isakson, Pat Roberts, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Lindsey Graham, Jerry Moran.

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 Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) is necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 63, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Ex.]

YEAS—63

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| Alexander | Flake | Moran |
| Barrasso | Gardner | Murkowski |
| Bennet | Graham | Perdue |
| Blunt | Grassley | Peters |
| Boozman | Hassan | Portman |
| Burr | Hatch | Risch |
| Capito | Heitkamp | Roberts |
| Carper | Heller | Rounds |
| Cassidy | Hoeven | Rubio |
| Collins | Hyde-Smith | Sasse |
| Coons | Inhofe | Scott |
| Corker | Isakson | Shaheen |
| Cornyn | Johnson | Shelby |
| Cotton | Jones | Sullivan |
| Crapo | Kaine | Tester |
| Cruz | Kennedy | Thune |
| Daines | Kyl | Tillis |
| Donnelly | Lankford | Toomey |
| Enzi | Lee | Warner |
| Ernst | Manchin | Wicker |
| Fischer | McConnell | Young |

NAYS—36

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| Baldwin | Harris | Paul |
| Blumenthal | Heinrich | Reed |
| Booker | Hirono | Sanders |
| Booker | King | Schatz |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Schumer |
| Cardin | Leahy | Smith |
| Casey | Markey | Stabenow |
| Cortez Masto | McCaskill | Udall |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Van Hollen |
| Durbin | Merkley | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Murray | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—1

Nelson

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 63, the nays are 36.