

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Thune, Roy Blunt.

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 Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber wishing to vote or to change their vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 248 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Alexander	Gardner	Perdue
Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hawley	Roberts
Boozman	Hoeven	Romney
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Burr	Inhofe	Rubio
Capito	Johnson	Sasse
Collins	Jones	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Shelby
Cramer	Lee	Sinema
Crapo	Manchin	Sullivan
Cruz	McConnell	Thune
Daines	McSally	Tillis
Enzi	Moran	Toomey
Ernst	Murkowski	Wicker
Fischer	Paul	Young

NAYS—34

Baldwin	Hassan	Schatz
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Schumer
Brown	Hirono	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Leahy	Stabenow
Carper	Menendez	Tester
Casey	Merkley	Udall
Coons	Murphy	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murray	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Peters	Wyden
Durbin	Reed	
Feinstein	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 34.

The motion is 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 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 Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Thune, Roy Blunt.

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 Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 86, nays 2, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 249 Ex.]

YEAS—86

Alexander	Cantwell	Cramer
Baldwin	Capito	Crapo
Blackburn	Cardin	Cruz
Blumenthal	Carper	Daines
Blunt	Casey	Duckworth
Boozman	Collins	Durbin
Braun	Coons	Enzi
Brown	Cornyn	Ernst
Burr	Cortez Masto	Feinstein
	Cotton	Fischer

Gardner	Merkley	Scott (FL)
Graham	Moran	Scott (SC)
Grassley	Murkowski	Shaheen
Hassan	Murphy	Shelby
Hawley	Murray	Sinema
Heinrich	Paul	Smith
Hoeven	Perdue	Stabenow
Hyde-Smith	Peters	Sullivan
Inhofe	Portman	Tester
Johnson	Reed	Thune
Jones	Risch	Tillis
Kennedy	Roberts	Toomey
King	Romney	Udall
Lankford	Rosen	Van Hollen
Leahy	Rounds	Whitehouse
Lee	Rubio	Wicker
Manchin	Sasse	Wyden
McConnell	Schatz	Young
McSally	Schumer	

NAYS—2

Hirono	Menendez
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NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 86, the nays are 2.

The motion is 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 Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Thune, Roy Blunt.

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 Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from

Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 87, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 250 Ex.]

YEAS—87

Alexander	Fischer	Portman
Baldwin	Gardner	Reed
Barraso	Graham	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Roberts
Blumenthal	Hassan	Romney
Blunt	Hawley	Rosen
Boozman	Heinrich	Rounds
Braun	Hoeven	Rubio
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Burr	Inhofe	Schatz
Cantwell	Johnson	Schumer
Capito	Jones	Scott (FL)
Cardin	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Carper	King	Shaheen
Casey	Lankford	Shelby
Collins	Leahy	Sinema
Coons	Lee	Smith
Cornyn	Manchin	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	McConnell	Sullivan
Cotton	McSally	Tester
Cramer	Menendez	Thune
Crapo	Merkley	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Toomey
Daines	Murkowski	Udall
Duckworth	Murphy	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murray	Whitehouse
Enzi	Paul	Wicker
Ernst	Perdue	Wyden
Feinstein	Peters	Young

NAYS—1

Hirono

NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 87, the nays are 1.

The motion is 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 William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, Thom Tillis, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Kevin Cramer, John Hoeven, Rob Portman, Dan Sullivan, Chuck Grassley, Richard Burr, John Thune, Roy Blunt.

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 William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 57, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 251 Ex.]

YEAS—57

Alexander	Gardner	Portman
Barraso	Graham	Risch
Blackburn	Grassley	Roberts
Blunt	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Hoeven	Rounds
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Burr	Inhofe	Sasse
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Casey	Jones	Scott (SC)
Collins	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cornyn	Lankford	Shelby
Cotton	Lee	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Sullivan
Crapo	McConnell	Thune
Cruz	McSally	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Toomey
Enzi	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Ernst	Paul	Wicker
Fischer	Perdue	Young

NAYS—31

Baldwin	Hassan	Rosen
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Schatz
Brown	Hirono	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Leahy	Stabenow
Carper	Menendez	Tester
Coons	Merkley	Udall
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Wyden
Durbin	Peters	
Feinstein	Reed	

NOT VOTING—12

Bennet	Harris	Markey
Booker	Isakson	Sanders
Cassidy	Kaine	Warner
Gillibrand	Klobuchar	Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 57, the nays are 31.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

NOMINATION OF KELLY CRAFT

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I rise in opposition to the nomination of Ms. Kelly Craft to serve as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

As a firm believer in the strength and power of U.S. diplomacy, there are three main reasons I oppose Ambassador Craft's nomination.

First and foremost, she lacks the experience necessary to stand up for American values and promote our national security on the global stage.

Second, during her brief diplomatic tenure in Canada, she posted so many absences that I cannot describe it as anything less than a dereliction of duty.

Ambassador Craft has also been unable or unwilling to convince the Senate that she will fully separate her professional obligations from her family's business interests. We cannot have an ambassador to the United Nations who risks using this incredibly influential position in ways that could benefit her own family's finances.

This position is one of the most important diplomatic posts in our government. It is a global stage, and every leader who serves in this role must always put country first.

Since its founding, some of our most distinguished public servants have represented the United States at the U.N.: George H. W. Bush, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Thomas Pickering, Madeleine Albright, John Negroponte, Susan Rice, and Samantha Power.

These Americans brought to the table years of experience as former Ambassadors, senior State Department officials, National Security Council staff, and more. Ambassador Craft simply cannot match the foreign policy and national security expertise offered by these distinguished leaders.

Before serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, she had no previous significant foreign policy experience or executive experience at all. It would seem that her most relevant credential is that she, along with her husband, contributed more than \$1 million to the President's campaign.

During the confirmation process, Ambassador Craft's performance suggested a deep lack of knowledge and applicable experience.

I want to be clear. This is not a judgment on her character. This is merely an assessment of her ability to represent the United States of America on the world stage where she will grapple with some of the most complex and challenging foreign policy issues of our time.

When asked at her hearing to identify the most pressing issues facing the U.N. and comment on how the United States could leverage the U.N. to pursue our national foreign policy priorities, Craft displayed no sophisticated understanding of the many challenges confronting our country.

She failed to mention North Korea's aggression on nuclear proliferation. She failed to mention ongoing threats from Iran. She failed to mention China's growing power and Russia's continued malign influence. When asked about the two-state solution, she could not articulate a viewpoint. When asked by Senator PAUL whether she believed the Iraq war was a mistake, she replied that she was "not going to second guess the . . . Bush administration."

In response to Senator CARDIN's question about the threat of climate change, she said that the United States does not need to be a member of the