

Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Craft nomination?

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), 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 result was announced—yeas 56, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 259 Ex.]

YEAS—56

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

NAYS—34

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

NOT VOTING—10

Bennet	Gillibrand	Sanders
Booker	Harris	Warren
Burr	Isakson	
Coons	Klobuchar	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid

upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from Mississippi.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in 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.

(The remarks of Senator HYDE-SMITH and Senator WICKER pertaining to the submission of S. 2410 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. WICKER. I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO DARREN WALKER

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on Sunday, May 19, 2019, I was honored to attend the 218th commencement ceremony at the University of Vermont, where my wife Marcelle was presented with an honorary doctorate degree and recognized for her many years of public service. The commencement speaker, Darren Walker, made this wonderful day even better when he delivered a truly moving address. By recounting his personal story, examining the challenges our Nation faces, and celebrating the achievements of the recent graduates, Darren implored us to view our differences as a strength and our division as a liability to our collective futures. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Darren for his commitment to social justice and thank him for sharing such an eloquent and unifying message with us on that day.

As the president of the Ford Foundation, Darren oversees a \$13 billion endowment and \$600 million in annual grant making for international social justice philanthropy projects. He has served as the vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, as the chief operating officer of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, and has spent more than a decade working in the fields of international law and finance. Prior to all of this success, however, Darren was raised in the humblest of conditions by a single mother in rural Texas, where he attended public schools, and battled racism and homophobia, to set himself on a path toward what he says is the great honor of serving as president of the Ford Foundation.

I ask unanimous consent to have Darren Walker's Address to the University of Vermont Class of 2019 printed in the RECORD. I encourage all Senators to read these moving remarks, with the hope that we can transcend our differences and focus on the shared values and aspirations that unite us.

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

DARREN WALKER ADDRESS TO THE CLASS OF 2019, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

218TH UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY BURLINGTON, VERMONT—SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

To President Sullivan; Provost Prelock; Senator Leahy and Governor Scott; distinguished vice presidents and deans; faculty and staff; and—most importantly—to the University of Vermont Class of 2019: Congratulations!

Graduates: I know how hard you've worked to earn the achievement we honor today. I also know your success required a lot of love, devotion, and commitment from the people in your life, who helped you achieve this major milestone. So, Class of 2019: Please join me in thanking your parents—and all of the family, friends and teachers who have helped you on your journey. This day is about you—but it's also about honoring them.

Today is special for many reasons. It's a celebration of excellence—and of the promise your future holds. It's the end of one chapter—and the beginning of another.

But today is also special for an additional reason.

You came to his magical community called Burlington, Vermont, from different places. Different towns, and states and countries around the world. You came to your degree by different paths. Took different courses in different majors. Even when you were on the same campus, you spent time with different people, engaged in different activities. And after today, you will go off in your different directions. To different jobs, different cities and towns, entirely different lives.

And yet, here we are. Together. And the fact that we are together—at this time, in this place—is remarkable.

It's remarkable because this is a unique, wonderful moment in your lives. But it's also remarkable because, in this new digital world, we are too often led to believe that our differences are reasons for division, rather than unity.

Class of 2019, this is a defining characteristic of our digital era: Whether it's algorithms that segment and select the information we see based on our previous clicks and likes; or media outlets incentivized to confirm our beliefs, rather than deliver facts that help educate us and make us better citizens; or political leaders who rally the extremes, rather than serve a common good.

As a result of all this, we jump to judgment—and disagreement too often turns to dehumanization. We miss opportunities to turn difficult and challenging moments into teachable ones, from which we can learn and grow. We lose touch with the shared values, and shared experiences, and shared aspirations that bind us together in this country and make us who we are.

My message to you today is this: It doesn't need to be this way—and it hasn't always been. And I know this to be true, from my own journey.

You see, many aspects of who I am as a person, as an American, might be labeled as "different." I am black. I am gay. I live in Manhattan, that tiny island moored off the coast, and a little unmoored from reality. And I spend much of my time traveling across the country and around the world, meeting visionary, courageous, resilient people fighting poverty, inequality, and injustice. All of these things—the things that make me different—define who I am.

And there are parts of my story, that equally define me, that are harder to see, which also make me different.

I was born to a single mother in a charity hospital. We lived in a shotgun shack in a small, rural community in East Texas.

I attended public schools and colleges. I was in the first class of Head Start in 1965,