

for “another dime.” Every time the Republican White House asks the Republican Senators about a larger and needed COVID relief package, the Republican Senators say: Don’t do anything. We are too divided.

As if we needed any more proof this week that the votes this week are not serious, it was just reported in the Washington Post that Leader McCONNELL warned the White House against making a deal on a COVID relief bill before the election. Let me repeat that. According to a report in the Washington Post, the Republican leader warned the White House against making a deal on another stimulus bill before the election.

Maybe it is because he knows his caucus wouldn’t support it. Maybe it is because he doesn’t want anything to interfere with his true priority—rushing a Supreme Court Justice onto the bench mere days before a Presidential election. Maybe it is both. Whatever the reason, it is abundantly clear that what the Republican leader is offering this week is a stunt—designed to look real but designed to fail.

He told the White House he doesn’t actually want a deal before the election. Now, if my Republican colleagues—those of the mind to help the American people, not those who believe we have spent too much already—want to do something real, we are going to give them a chance on the floor right now. I will be making a motion to move the Senate into a posture by which we could all vote on the Heroes Act that passed the House. If the Senate were to pass it, it would head right to the President’s desk. The Democrats have already modified the bill to make it more palatable to our Republican colleagues by coming down over \$1 trillion.

So, if you are a Republican who wants to adequately fund our schools, our hospitals, and our medical centers, vote with the Democrats on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to adequately fund testing and tracing and devote the resources our country needs to prevent a second wave of the virus, you should vote with the Democrats on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to assist all small businesses, including our hardest hit industries and underserved communities, newspapers, restaurants, minority-owned businesses, and independent music venues and theaters, you can vote with us on the next motion. If you are a Republican who wants to employ a lifeline to the unemployed, to feed the hungry, to assist renters and homeowners, and to stave off drastic cuts to State and local services, you should vote with us—with the Democrats—on the next motion.

The country is crying out for real, substantial, comprehensive relief. The Heroes Act provides it. It includes all of the urgent and necessary measures that the Republicans have left out of their proposals. If my Republican colleagues are serious—really serious—

about providing relief to the American people, then, vote to allow the Senate to consider the Heroes Act.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. President, I move to table the McConnell motion to proceed to Calendar No. 554, S. 4675, and 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. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 204 Leg.]

YEAS—45

Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Booker
Brown
Cantwell
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Coons
Cortez Masto
Duckworth
Durbin
Feinstein
Gillibrand

Hassan
Heinrich
Hirono
Jones
Kaine
King
Klobuchar
Leahy
Manchin
Markey
Menendez
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Peters

Reed
Rosen
Sanders
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Smith
Stabenow
Tester
Udall
Van Hollen
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—52

Alexander
Barrasso
Blackburn
Blunt
Boozman
Braun
Burr
Capito
Cassidy
Collins
Cornyn
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Cruz
Daines
Enzi
Ernst

Fischer
Gardner
Graham
Grassley
Hawley
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Johnson
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Loeffler
McConnell
McSally
Moran
Murkowski
Perdue

Portman
Risch
Roberts
Romney
Rounds
Rubio
Sasse
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Shelby
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Toomey
Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—3

Harris Paul Sinema

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Motion to Proceed

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 866.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion.

Ms. BALDWIN. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. Sinema) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 205 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Alexander
Barrasso
Blackburn
Blunt
Boozman
Braun
Burr
Capito
Cassidy
Collins
Cornyn
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Cruz
Daines
Enzi
Ernst

Fischer
Gardner
Graham
Grassley
Hawley
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Inhofe
Johnson
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Loeffler
McConnell
McSally
Moran
Murkowski
Perdue

Portman
Risch
Roberts
Romney
Rounds
Rubio
Sasse
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Shelby
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Toomey
Wicker
Young

NAYS—43

Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Booker
Brown
Cantwell
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Coons
Cortez Masto
Duckworth
Durbin
Feinstein
Gillibrand

Hassan
Heinrich
Hirono
Kaine
King
Klobuchar
Leahy
Manchin
Markey
Menendez
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Peters
Reed

Rosen
Sanders
Schatz
Schumer
Smith
Stabenow
Tester
Udall
Van Hollen
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wyden

NOT VOTING—5

Harris Paul Sinema
Jones Shaheen

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam 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