

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	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Heinrich	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	Jones	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Leahy	Stabenow
Casey	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Markey	Udall
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkeley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Feinstein	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden

NAYS—52

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

NOT VOTING—3

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

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Hassan	Rosen
Bennet	Heinrich	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schatz
Booker	Kaine	Schumer
Brown	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Leahy	Tester
Carper	Manchin	Udall
Casey	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	Menendez	Warner
Cortez Masto	Merkeley	Warren
Duckworth	Murphy	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Feinstein	Peters	
Gillibrand	Reed	

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