

Graham	Manchin	Rounds
Grassley	McConnell	Rubio
Hawley	McSally	Sasse
Hoever	Moran	Scott (SC)
Hyde-Smith	Murkowski	Shelby
Inhofe	Paul	Sinema
Johnson	Perdue	Sullivan
Kennedy	Portman	Thune
Lankford	Risch	Tillis
Lee	Roberts	Toomey
Loeffler	Romney	Wicker

#### NAYS—38

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Bennet	Hirono	Schatz
Booker	Jones	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Leahy	Tester
Cortez Masto	Markey	Udall
Duckworth	Menendez	Van Hollen
Durbin	Merkley	Warner
Feinstein	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	

#### NOT VOTING—11

Alexander	Daines	Scott (FL)
Blumenthal	Harris	Whitehouse
Cardin	Murray	Young
Coons	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 51, and the nays are 38.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the postcloture time on the Johnson nomination expire at 11 a.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. I further ask that if cloture is invoked on the Beaton nomination, the postcloture time expire at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. Finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the Senate recently voted to move forward on the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, the annual defense policy bill. The Senate took this procedural step by what is known as a voice vote, a process that does not record the final vote tally or how each Senator specifically voted, but a voice vote is not a sign of unanimous support for a measure, and I am submitting this state-

ment to mark my opposition to this year's NDAA and to this process.

When the Senate debated and passed this bill for the first time, earlier this year, I voted no. I said at the time that I could not go along with a Republican plan to greenlight \$740 billion in military spending while providing almost nothing to help Americans impacted by this unprecedented global pandemic.

I said that I could not vote for a defense bill with Federal agents actively occupying Portland and treating peaceful protestors like foreign enemies. Donald Trump ordered these occupiers into my hometown, uninvited, to crack down on Oregonians peacefully demanding an end to systemic racism.

Senator MERKLEY and I introduced an amendment to the NDAA that would have required Donald Trump to remove these unwanted forces from our State. The Senate majority blocked our amendment and told us that we were making things up while Trump's goons were shooting protestors with tear gas, rubber bullets, and other crowd control munitions.

I want to be clear that I support plenty of provisions in this NDAA and wrote or negotiated some of the language to improve the bill, but I must oppose the NDAA due to its flaws and its timing, in light of the lack of help for everyday Americans suffering from the economic downfall brought about by Donald Trump's inept response to a global pandemic. For this reason, I have no choice but to oppose.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MARK PETERS

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, along with my colleague Senator MIKE CRAPO, I rise today to honor our friend Dr. Mark Peters. Dr. Peters, who led the Idaho National Lab INL—for 5 extraordinary years, will be stepping down from his position as director of the INL to pursue a new role with Battelle Energy Alliance.

Throughout his long and distinguished tenure at the INL, our national laboratories, and other highly respected research institutions, Dr. Peters has earned a reputation as a leading voice in the U.S. nuclear community. He is highly respected by Congress, the administration, industry, and stakeholders because of his knowledge and his engaging and inclusive style. Simply put, Dr. Peters is a giant in the nuclear industry. He has served as a senior advise to the U.S. Department of Energy on nuclear energy matters and as a fellow of the American Nuclear Society, a prestigious recognition for his outstanding accomplishments in nuclear science and technology.

As INL director, Mark led the State's fifth largest employer and skillfully managed its team of more than 4,000 scientists, engineers, and support staff at our country's premiere nuclear, cybersecurity, and scientific research laboratory. Thanks to his leadership, the Lab is thriving and its future is

bright. It would be difficult to list every one of Mark's many accomplishments at the Lab, but there are several key achievements that have propelled the INL to new heights.

Mark played a pivotal role in getting the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act signed into law. He also succeeded in bringing the National Reactor Innovation Center to Idaho, ensuring that the Lab will continue to lead the development and deployment of advanced nuclear reactor designs well into the future.

Furthermore, Dr. Peters was instrumental in growing the mission of the Lab. Mark invested time and energy into making the INL a world leader in industrial control systems cybersecurity to match its well-established reputation for nuclear energy. This research arm has helped ensure the safety and security of our Nation's critical infrastructure while acting as a boon to eastern Idaho's economy.

Recognizing the inherent opportunity in its expanding cybersecurity practice, Dr. Peters worked closely with the State of Idaho to construct two new buildings at the Lab's Research and Education Campus. These world-class centers facilitate cutting-edge research by government and private industry, while providing Idaho students with opportunities to develop modeling, simulation, and cybersecurity skills for in-demand careers in Idaho and beyond.

The Idaho Falls community not only benefited from Mark's leadership, but that of his wife, Ann Marie Peters. Her tireless efforts to expand programs and acquire the latest technologies at the College of Eastern Idaho have provided thousands of students with unprecedented high-quality educational opportunities. Throughout the community, Mark and Ann Marie are known for their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to help young people navigate college and career opportunities and for their generous support of organizations like the Idaho Falls Arts Council and United Way.

We wish Mark, Ann Marie, and their family the very best in their new endeavor. We thank them for their service and dedication to making the Lab and surrounding communities such a vibrant place to work and call home. Eastern Idaho is a better place because of the Peters family, and for that, all of Idaho is deeply grateful.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO BLAKE HURST

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Blake Hurst on an extraordinary career and well-deserved retirement. Blake has been an outstanding leader and voice for Missouri's agriculture industry and has played a vital role to elevate our State's national presence among the agricultural community when it comes