

remarks about the leadership on both sides here. This is 24 hours later. But this is what Leader MCCONNELL said yesterday:

In the weeks that remain in this Congress, we should work to accomplish the essential task of funding the Congress and preventing retroactive tax increases. We must address the expiring authority passed earlier this session for the Department of Defense to train and equip moderate, vetted Syrian opposition, and we must continue to support the efforts to address the Ebola crisis.

No mention of Keystone. Not one. If I were the leader of the majority party and came back and said there is some unfinished business, after talking incessantly about Keystone for the last 6 years, the first thing I would do is say—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I ask unanimous consent for 5 more minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. LANDRIEU. We can have a short Thanksgiving break. We don't have to have a long break for Christmas. The problem is we haven't been working.

Here is my list. He mentioned three things; Keystone was not on them.

Then, to shorten this, JOHN CORNYN, the Senator from Texas, came to the floor and he gave a very long list. He did in fact mention Keystone, but it was in the context of, as soon as we convene again in January—a long list—we will vote on Keystone.

I came to the floor yesterday and said that was not good enough to the leader of my leadership and the leadership of the Republican Party and said: You know what, I would like to vote on Keystone now.

So yesterday, because I gave that speech and because the public wants us to do this—more than I, the public wants a vote on Keystone and has wanted it for a long time. The House of Representatives took the bill that Senator HOEVEN and I had drafted, stripped the language of theirs, which would never have passed the Senate of the United States and would never have gotten to the President's desk, and put our language in—like I would be upset about that. I am not upset about that. I am happy about that. I am grateful that I was able yesterday, in 3 hours, to move the leadership of the Democrats in the Senate, the leadership of the Republicans in the Senate, the Republican leadership in the House to get a vote on Keystone on Tuesday.

So I am going to come back and say more about this, but for the reporters who are not used to people being as direct as I am being now, go read the transcript for yourselves so when they call press conferences later today and claim victory, please remember who was on this floor talking about it. MITCH MCCONNELL didn't mention it—the transcript is right here—did not mention the word "Keystone." JOHN CORNYN mentioned the word "amnesty" several times and "Keystone"

once. I am the Senator who came to this floor as chair of the energy committee to say: Let's get our business done; let's start now. And that is what we are going to do. I am glad we are going to be voting very soon.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for up to 3 minutes.

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

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. GEORGE DILLARD

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I rise today to welcome my friend and fellow Georgian, Dr. George Dillard—who is the senior minister at the Peachtree City Christian Church in Peachtree City, GA—as he prayed so eloquently, as is our tradition here in the Senate. I am very pleased Dr. Dillard had a chance to come join us today.

He and his wife Renee have been married for 26 years and have three children: Tiffany, Alexis, and Stewart. I appreciate them sharing him with us today.

George has been my dear friend for many years. I have had the opportunity to pray with him in public, pray with him in private, and hear him preach in his church. He is a very eloquent individual and such a great Christian public servant in that he is so active not just in the Peachtree City Christian Church but all over the community of Peachtree City. He has been the guest Chaplain across the Capitol with our neighbors, the House of Representatives, on a couple of occasions. He regularly is the guest pastor in the Georgia Legislature under the gold dome in Atlanta. I am very pleased he is here today. I thank him for taking time to join us and for his well-spoken words getting us started in the Senate today.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, I wish to join the senior Senator from Georgia, who was kind enough to invite our guest Chaplain today.

George Dillard is a great chaplain in our State, a great civic leader, a great Christian leader, and a great leader in our State for many other things. He has been a dynamic chaplain in his church, a dynamic minister, and has his doctorate in biblical studies. We are delighted to welcome him to Washington, DC, where we need all the biblical help we can get. We appreciate George Dillard for his prayer, his devotion, and his faith.

I yield back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I ask unanimous consent to speak immediately after the vote for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF RANDOLPH D. MOSS TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOMINATION OF LEIGH MARTIN MAY TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nominations of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

VOTE ON MOSS NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there is 2 minutes of debate equally divided before a vote on the Moss nomination.

Who yields time?

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, we yield back the time on our side, and I ask unanimous consent to be allowed to speak on behalf of the Northern District of Georgia on the appointee, Leigh May.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Reserving the right to object.

That is fine. Thank you.

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, we yield back all time on this side.

Mr. ISAKSON. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia?

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 45, as follows: