

In a special way embrace Senator THAD COCHRAN with Your transforming presence as he grieves the loss of his beloved Rose. Lord, thank You for the life and legacy of Rose Cochran.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 83, which is the omnibus spending bill.

Rollcall votes are expected throughout the day. If no time agreement is reached, the cloture vote on the motion to concur in relation to the omnibus will be at approximately 1 a.m. tomorrow morning.

FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I won't use a lot of time here this morning because we have a lot to do.

We worked for a long time yesterday, into the late hours of the night, trying to secure an agreement to vote on a long-term government funding bill. I was last talking to the chairman of the Appropriations Committee at 11 o'clock last night.

Regrettably, a small group of Senate Republicans has determined it is in their political interests to hold this legislation hostage. They objected to an agreement that would allow us to vote on Monday night. We are now relegated to watching time tick away on our clocks just so we can keep the government open and funded. I remind everyone that at 12 o'clock midnight—12 a.m.—the U.S. Government, tonight, runs out of money.

We even tried to get an agreement last night to extend government funding for a few extra days while we worked to pass the long-term funding bill, but the Republicans wouldn't let us do that.

So now we wait. But while we wait, we shouldn't waste time. Republicans and their leader have known for weeks, if not months, that we intend to vote on the President's nominations. So it is clear that this impasse we are having here today is not about nominees, it is about preventing us from funding the government. So now, on the eve of

our government running out of funding, Senate Republicans are forcing completely unnecessary procedural votes just to waste time and slow us down from funding the government.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can still come to an agreement to take care of funding for our great country right now.

Mr. DURBIN. Will the majority leader yield for a question?

Mr. REID. I will yield for a question.

Mr. DURBIN. I would like to ask the majority leader for some clarification.

Is my understanding correct that at midnight tonight officially the funding of our government ceases?

Mr. REID. Absolutely true.

Mr. DURBIN. And the majority leader asked the Republican side of the aisle to at least extend it several days while we completed our work on the omnibus budget bill sent to us by the House?

Mr. REID. Yes, we had yesterday evening a piece of legislation from the House doing just that—extending the time for a few days.

Mr. DURBIN. Was there an objection by the Republicans to the short-term extension so our government would continue operating?

Mr. REID. We were told it wouldn't be necessary to do that because we couldn't get agreement to do it. So the answer is yes.

Mr. DURBIN. Late last night, the junior Senator from Texas came to the floor. Is he part of the group that is objecting to moving forward on the omnibus bill?

Mr. REID. Well, it appears so. At 10 o'clock or so last night he gave a relatively extended speech. If someone looks at that speech, he wasn't critical of me. Most of his criticism was for the Speaker and the Republican leader here. He was challenging whether they were people of their word as to what they were going to do.

Mr. DURBIN. I might just ask the majority leader, this is the same Senator who shut down the government last year in protest over the Affordable Care Act?

Mr. REID. The very same man. Now he is hung up on not only the Affordable Care Act but the President's action to give 5 million people relief in this country so they can come out of the shadows and make our country a more productive place.

Mr. DURBIN. I thank the majority leader and hope we can find some support to moving forward to fund the government and accept our responsibilities.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

INSULAR AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will re-

sume consideration of the message to accompany H.R. 83, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 83, an act to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid amendment No. 4100 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to change the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 4101 (to amendment No. 4100), of a perfecting nature.

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid amendment No. 4102, to change the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 4103 (to (the instructions) amendment No. 4102), of a perfecting nature.

Reid amendment No. 4104 (to amendment No. 4103), of a perfecting nature.

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1084.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

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

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 327 Leg.]

YEAS—48

Baldwin	Hagan	Murray
Begich	Heinrich	Pryor
Bennet	Heitkamp	Reed
Blumenthal	Hirono	Reid
Booker	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Boxer	Kaine	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Landrieu	Stabenow
Carper	Leahy	Tester
Casey	Levin	Udall (NM)
Coons	Manchin	Walsh
Donnelly	Markey	Warner
Durbin	McCaskill	Warren
Franken	Merkley	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden

NAYS—35

Alexander	Flake	Moran
Ayotte	Graham	Murkowski
Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Coats	Hoeven	Sessions
Cochran	Isakson	Shelby
Collins	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Cornyn	Kirk	Toomey
Crapo	Lee	Vitter
Cruz	McCain	Wicker
Fischer	McConnell	

NOT VOTING—17

Blunt	Harkin	Portman
Chambliss	Inhofe	Rubio
Coburn	Johanns	Sanders
Corker	Menendez	Scott
Enzi	Mikulski	Udall (CO)
Feinstein	Nelson	

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF SARAH R. SALDANA TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Could we have order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will come to order.

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have a series of votes we are going to do today and we are going to cut the votes off at the exact time, so everybody would be better off to stay here on the Senate floor because these are going to move every 20 minutes.

CLOTURE MOTION

There is a cloture motion at the desk which I ask the Chair to order be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Harry Reid, Thomas R. Carper, Patrick J. Leahy, Patty Murray, Tom Udall, Brian Schatz, Charles E. Schumer, Bar-

bara Boxer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Al Franken, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Martin Heinrich, Elizabeth Warren, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WICKER. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senate will be in order.

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 40 as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 328 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Harkin	Pryor
Begich	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Heitkamp	Reid
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rockefeller
Booker	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Boxer	Kaine	Schumer
Brown	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Landrieu	Tester
Carper	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Casey	Levin	Udall (NM)
Collins	Manchin	Walsh
Coons	Markey	Warner
Donnelly	McCaskill	Warren
Durbin	Merkley	Whitehouse
Franken	Murphy	Wyden
Gillibrand	Murray	
Hagan	Nelson	

NAYS—40

Alexander	Flake	Murkowski
Ayotte	Graham	Paul
Barrasso	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hatch	Roberts
Boozman	Heller	Rubio
Burr	Hoeven	Scott
Coats	Isakson	Sessions
Cochran	Johanns	Shelby
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Cornyn	Kirk	Toomey
Crapo	Lee	Vitter
Cruz	McCain	Wicker
Enzi	McConnell	
Fischer	Moran	

NOT VOTING—8

Chambliss	Inhofe	Portman
Coburn	Menendez	Sanders
Feinstein	Mikulski	

The motion was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1058.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 329 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Heinrich	Pryor
Begich	Heitkamp	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Reid
Blumenthal	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Booker	Kaine	Schatz
Boxer	King	Schumer
Brown	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cantwell	Landrieu	Stabenow
Cardin	Leahy	Tester
Carper	Levin	Udall (CO)
Casey	Manchin	Udall (NM)
Coons	Markey	Walsh
Donnelly	McCaskill	Warner
Durbin	Menendez	Warren
Franken	Merkley	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Murphy	Wyden
Hagan	Murray	
Harkin	Nelson	

NAYS—41

Alexander	Fischer	Moran
Ayotte	Flake	Murkowski
Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Risch
Boozman	Hatch	Roberts
Burr	Heller	Rubio
Coats	Hoeven	Scott
Cochran	Isakson	Sessions
Collins	Johanns	Shelby
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Cornyn	Kirk	Toomey
Crapo	Lee	Vitter
Cruz	McCain	Wicker
Enzi	McConnell	

NOT VOTING—7

Chambliss	Inhofe	Sanders
Coburn	Mikulski	
Feinstein	Portman	

The motion was agreed to.