

Left Behind. We have a couple of issues that we need to resolve, but there are only a couple, and for a bill this complicated, that is pretty good. So it would be my hope that we could continue on through the process, and the majority leader might even get to the point later in the week where he would be able to vitiate the cloture, and we could finish without a cloture vote.

So far, so good. We have considered 58 amendments in committee and adopted 29. We have considered 25 on the floor, adopted 8 by rollcall, 11 by voice, and we have dozens more that have been agreed to by Senator MURRAY and me and that we would recommend to the Senate that we complete.

So it is my hope that Senators will allow us to have a consensus about this bill. As was said by Newsweek magazine last week, this is the Education bill that everybody wants fixed, and we are the ones who are supposed to fix it. So while there are some issues toward the end that are a little more difficult to resolve than others, I hope Senators will agree that people have had a chance to have their say on education issues and that we can go on to the other important issues facing the country.

I thank the Republican leader for giving us an opportunity to put this on the floor. I thank the Democratic leader for allowing us to move to the floor without delay. I hope we can continue over the next couple of days and finish the bill this week and get on to other important issues.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

FILING CLOTURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is obvious that the Republican leader has cer-

tainly changed his view on filing cloture.

There was a time on several occasions when the Republican leader bemoaned what he called “a quick trigger on the cloture motion.” That is a quote. There was a time—that was in 2012, 2013—when the Republican leader called filing cloture “heavy-handed behavior.”

Now, keep in mind the backdrop of all of this. For 4 years, the Republicans simply wouldn’t let us move to anything. We couldn’t offer—they refused to allow bills to come up. We never even got on the bills. We would file a motion to get on a bill; they would object to that.

We have a different world now in the 7 months that we have been under the direction of the Republican leader, the senior Senator from Kentucky. We have been working in good faith to try to get things to move along—specifically this bill, the elementary and secondary education bill. There is no sign of a filibuster that I am aware of, at least on our side.

There are still a number of major amendments that need to be addressed. Senators MURPHY, BOOKER, WARNER, and others have an amendment on accountability for the lowest performing schools. They have worked hard on this. We have Senator FRANKEN, who is very passionate, on an amendment to protect LGBT students from discrimination. Senator MARKEY has an amendment that provides grants to allow schools to teach climate science. Senator CASEY has an amendment to expand and improve early education, particularly for 3- and 4-year-olds. These are important amendments dealing with education. There are others, but these are a few that I mentioned.

So to have the Republican leader come to the floor and file cloture when we have just had a few amendments—he can come out and talk about all the votes we have had, but they have been on nothing amendments. They could have been accepted really. We didn’t even need votes on them. We have had virtually no serious amendments, and now, all of a sudden, the Republican leader has changed totally, I guess, his

philosophy on how to legislate by filing cloture very early. I am very disappointed in this, but it speaks volumes about how this Senate is being run by this Republican majority.

It is appropriate to file cloture when the shoe is on the other foot, I guess, except the difference is that we never had a chance to get on the legislation. This is a perfect example of this. We didn’t need to have a vote on a motion to get on a bill. We just said: OK, go ahead and move to it.

So I am really surprised, quite frankly, but that is what has happened. But it is not the first time I have been surprised about how things have been going on around here the last 6 or 7 months.

I have nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:08 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

JOHN MAEDA, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2016. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

MATTHEW RHETT JEPSON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE EDMUND C. MOY, RESIGNED.

AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANTHONY ROSARIO COSCIA, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEREK TAI-CHING KAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JEFFREY R. MORELAND, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ANDREW MILLER SLAVITT, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, VICE MARILYN B. TAVENNER, RESIGNED.

MARY KATHERINE WAKEFIELD, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE WILLIAM V. CORR, RESIGNED.