

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Kevin Cramer, Tim Scott, Mike Rounds, James E. Risch, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, John Hoeven, Todd Young, Pat Roberts, John Thune, David Perdue, Lisa Murkowski.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 56 Ex.]

YEAS—59

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

NAYS—38

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| Baldwin | Feinstein | Rosen |
| Bennet | Gillibrand | Schatz |
| Blumenthal | Harris | Schumer |
| Booker | Hassan | Shaheen |
| Brown | Hirono | Smith |
| Cantwell | Kaine | Stabenow |
| Cardin | Leahy | Tester |
| Carper | Markey | Udall |
| Casey | Menendez | Van Hollen |
| Coons | Merkley | Warner |
| Cortez Masto | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Duckworth | Peters | Wyden |
| Durbin | Reed | |

NOT VOTING—3

Klobuchar Sanders Warren

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 59, the nays are 38. The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:59 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session to consider the motion to proceed to S. 3275, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 420, S. 3275, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time until 3:30 p.m. will be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Alaska.

NOMINATION OF KATHARINE MACGREGOR

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, very briefly, here this afternoon, beginning at 3:30, we will have a series of votes that include the nomination of Katharine MacGregor to be the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. I would like to provide my support for this nomination.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee for working with me to report then re-report Ms. MacGregor's nomination, which moved out on a bipartisan basis.

I thank the majority leader for filing cloture on her nomination before the recess so we could confirm her this week.

She has a lot of work to do at Interior, and we need her on the job. She did very well at her confirmation hearing last year. She has significant experience on the issues she will face as Deputy Secretary, having worked here on Capitol Hill for 10 years, as the principal deputy and Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, as well as the Department's Deputy Chief

of Staff, and, most recently, exercising the authority of the Deputy Secretary.

Ms. MacGregor's nomination has drawn the support of dozens of groups, including some in my State: Alaska Federation of Natives, Arctic Slope Regional Association, Doyon Limited, American Wind Energy Association, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Public Lands Council, and many others.

I personally share those groups' confidence that Ms. MacGregor will do a good job as Deputy Secretary. I think she is well qualified. She has the right experience to succeed in this role. I think she will be a fine asset for Secretary Bernhardt and the rest of the Interior team. I would urge my colleagues to support her full confirmation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 916

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, later this afternoon, we are going to have two votes on motions to proceed. They are procedural votes to go forward on two pieces of legislation relative to the issue of abortion. Those of us in public life know full well that this is a very controversial issue. There are people who feel very strongly on one side and very strongly on the other.

These votes this afternoon will not resolve that conflict. They don't try to. What the Republican majority under Senator MCCONNELL has decided to do is to bring back for a vote two items we already voted on. We know the outcome. We can virtually predict within one or two votes what it is going to be.

At the end of the day, Republicans will turn to a special interest group and say: We told you we could call this every year. We did it.

We will have Members who will vote their conscience on both sides of the aisle, but the net result of that is not going to be to change anything for the better in the United States, when it comes to the issues that challenge us.

What I would like to do is to come to this floor with a radical idea. I have an idea how we can come together, regardless of our position on that issue, and do something constructive for this country. Let me tell you what I have in mind. The United States currently ranks 32 out of 35 industrial nations when it comes to infant mortality. That is right—32 out of 35 when it comes to the survival of babies in the United States once born.

A 2018 report published in Health Affairs by Global Health characterized the United States of America as "the most dangerous of wealthy nations for a child to be born into." What they found was that U.S. babies—babies born in the United States—are three times as likely to die of premature birth and more than twice as likely to die of SIDS than babies in comparably rich countries. Every year, more than