

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF CAROLYN WATTS COLVIN TO BE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I send a cloture motion to the desk and ask that it be reported.

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

The assistant bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

Harry Reid, Ron Wyden, Barbara A. Mikulski, Benjamin L. Cardin, Christopher Murphy, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Tom Harkin, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Charles E. Schumer, Mazie Hirono, Amy Klobuchar, Barbara Boxer, Tammy Baldwin, Bernard Sanders, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Madam President, a number of Senators have come to me indicating that they have read the rules and the time for a vote is 15 minutes. I ask, through the Chair, is it true that the extra 5 minutes is not in the rule?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the Senator restate his question?

Mr. REID. We have been calling votes at the end of 20 minutes. It is my understanding that the rule calls for votes to be 15 minutes in length.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is a 15-minute vote with a 5-minute grace period.

Mr. REID. Is the 5-minute grace period in the rule?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair will research the unanimous consent from January of last year.

Mr. REID. In the meantime, I move to proceed to legislative session.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. I voted for this fine woman coming out of the committee, but there since have arisen all kinds of problems concerning perhaps criminal problems at the Social Security—

Mr. REID. Madam President, I am sorry, I can't understand the Senator and I believe I have the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will come to order.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I will make one more statement. There is enough evidence of criminal conduct there—I am not accusing her but, on the other hand, she was the authority there.

Mr. REID. Regular order, Madam President.

Mr. HATCH. We should not be voting on this at this time.

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

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

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 York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 41 as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 330 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

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—8

Chambliss	Gillibrand	Portman
Coburn	Inhofe	Sanders
Feinstein	Mikulski	

The motion was agreed to.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any remaining votes with these nominations be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. CORNYN. I object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, under the standing order rollcall votes are 15 minutes. What we usually do is have a grace period, just by practice. In the future the Chair will call the votes after 15 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The rule is 15 minutes. The votes will be called in 15 minutes.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 681.

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

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative 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), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 331 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—40

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

NOT VOTING—8

Chambliss	Inhofe	Portman
Coburn	Kirk	Sanders
Feinstein	Mikulski	

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF VIVEK HALLEGERE MURTHY TO BE MEDICAL DIRECTOR IN THE REGULAR CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFOR AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS, AND TO BE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. There is a cloture motion at the desk, and I ask that it be reported.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

Harry Reid, Tom Harkin, Patrick J. Leahy, Patty Murray, Tom Udall, Brian Schatz, Charles E. Schumer, Barbara Boxer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Al Franken, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Bernard Sanders.

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 332 Ex.]

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.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1150, Antony Blinken.

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

Mr. WICKER. 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 legislative 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 result was announced—yeas 52, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 333 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ANTONY BLINKEN TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that the cloture motion at the desk be reported.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Harry Reid, Brian Schatz, Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, John E. Walsh, Patty Murray, Jack Reed, Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, Amy Klobuchar, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher A. Coons, Robert Menendez, Carl Levin, Barbara Boxer, Tom Harkin, Richard J. Durbin.

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

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

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