

Reed	Shaheen	Walsh
Reid	Stabenow	Warner
Rockefeller	Tester	Warren
Sanders	Toomey	Whitehouse
Schatz	Udall (CO)	Wyden
Schumer	Udall (NM)	

NAYS—34

Alexander	Cruz	Portman
Barrasso	Enzi	Risch
Blunt	Fischer	Roberts
Boozman	Grassley	Rubio
Burr	Hoeven	Scott
Chambliss	Inhofe	Sessions
Coats	Isakson	Shelby
Coburn	Johanns	Thune
Cochran	Johnson (WI)	Vitter
Corker	McCconnell	Wicker
Cornyn	Moran	
Crapo	Paul	

NOT VOTING—4

Begich	Kirk
Harkin	McCain

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 62 and the nays are 34.

The motion is agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT OF 2014

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1917) to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is on the passage of the bill.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS—97

Alexander	Cantwell	Cruz
Ayotte	Cardin	Donnelly
Baldwin	Carper	Durbin
Barrasso	Casey	Enzi
Begich	Chambliss	Feinstein
Bennet	Coats	Fischer
Blumenthal	Coburn	Flake
Blunt	Cochran	Franken
Booker	Collins	Gillibrand
Boozman	Coons	Graham
Boxer	Corker	Grassley
Brown	Cornyn	Hagan
Burr	Crapo	Hatch

Heinrich	McConnell	Schumer
Heitkamp	Menendez	Scott
Heller	Merkley	Sessions
Hirono	Mikulski	Shaheen
Hoeven	Moran	Shelby
Inhofe	Murkowski	Stabenow
Isakson	Murphy	Tester
Johanns	Murray	Thune
Johnson (SD)	Nelson	Toomey
Johnson (WI)	Paul	Udall (CO)
Kaine	Portman	Udall (NM)
King	Pryor	Vitter
Klobuchar	Reed	Walsh
Landrieu	Reid	Warner
Leahy	Risch	Warren
Lee	Roberts	Whitehouse
Levin	Rockefeller	Wicker
Manchin	Rubio	Wyden
Markey	Sanders	
McCaskill	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—3

Harkin	Kirk	McCain
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The bill (S. 1917) was passed.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, all postcloture time be expired and the vote on confirmation of Calendar No. 563 occur at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014; further, that on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to vote on cloture on Executive Calendar Nos. 577, 578, 579, and 580; further, that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, notwithstanding rule XXII, all postcloture time be expired and the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur on Wednesday, March 12, following disposition of the McHugh nomination, in the order upon which cloture was invoked; further, that following Senate action on these nominations, the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of Calendar No. 512; further, that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote and all roll-call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length; further, that following disposition of Calendar No. 512, the Senate resume legislative session and proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 309, S. 1086, the childcare and development block grant bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that Senator AYOTTE be recognized for up to 3 minutes to comment on the passage of S. 1917; further, that following her remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business; that the time be controlled in alternating 45-minute blocks, with the majority controlling the first 45 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

VICTIMS PROTECTION ACT

Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I thank my colleague Senator MCCASKILL, as well as Senator FISCHER. The Senate voted 97-0—unanimously—to support the Victims Protection Act. This act builds on important work that was done in the Defense authorization bill to ensure that victims of sexual assault in the military will be treated with dignity and respect; that there will be full accountability for commanders to ensure the climate within their unit is one of zero tolerance toward sexual assaults; and that when a victim comes forward, that victim—male or female—is supported within this system.

The Victims Protection Act, passed today by a vote of 97-0—and few things in the Senate pass with a 97-0 vote—will ensure there is another level of review when a commander disagrees with the recommendation of a prosecutor to prosecute a sexual assault case. It will then go up to the civilian secretary for another level of review.

The bill also ensures commanders are judged in their evaluations on the climate within their unit for addressing sexual assault and how they handle these types of cases.

It also eliminates the so-called good soldier defense. Because even if you have been a good soldier, if you have committed sexual assault, you need to be held accountable for your actions. So this bill will ensure people who are perpetrators are held accountable for their actions.

The bill also allows important input from the victims so they can have a say as to whether they believe a case should be brought in a military or a civilian system for prosecution.

This act adds on the important work we have done together in the Defense authorization bill but it is not the end. We will continue in the Armed Services Committee to make sure the reforms that have been passed are implemented, that commanders are held accountable for a climate of zero tolerance within their units, and that victims of sexual assault are treated with dignity and respect and know they will be supported if they come forward to report.

So I thank the Chair, and I again thank Senator MCCASKILL for her leadership on this bill. So few things pass in this body unanimously, but this shows the bipartisan commitment we have to stopping this scourge of sexual assault in the military.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

CLIMATE CHANGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, just last week one of the world's most well-known spiritual leaders, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, visited the Capitol. He talked about the moral