

Has all postcloture time expired in the motion to concur with respect to H.J. Res. 59?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It has.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to concur with an amendment be withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. SESSIONS. Reserving the right to object, I would note this is the way the process—the train that runs through this body and denies amendments to be allowed—occurs. At this point, there will be a move, in effect, to clear the tree so this can be passed. It is an unhealthy tree we are in, and I am disappointed that we are heading in this direction, but it points out the actual legislative steps that are required to get to final passage after the leader has filled the tree.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, so ordered.

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask for the yeas and nays on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to concur with amendment No. 2457 is withdrawn.

The question is on agreeing to the motion to concur.

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 result was announced—yeas 64, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 281 Leg.]

YEAS—64

Baldwin	Hatch	Murphy
Baucus	Heinrich	Murray
Begich	Heitkamp	Nelson
Bennet	Hirono	Portman
Blumenthal	Hoeven	Pryor
Booker	Isakson	Reed
Boxer	Johnson (SD)	Reid
Brown	Johnson (WI)	Rockefeller
Cantwell	Kaine	Sanders
Cardin	King	Schatz
Carper	Klobuchar	Schumer
Casey	Landrieu	Shaheen
Chambliss	Leahy	Stabenow
Collins	Levin	Tester
Coons	Manchin	Udall (CO)
Donnelly	Markey	Udall (NM)
Durbin	McCain	Warner
Feinstein	McCaskill	Warren
Franken	Menendez	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Merkley	Wyden
Hagan	Mikulski	
Harkin	Murkowski	

NAYS—36

Alexander	Cruz	Moran
Ayotte	Enzi	Paul
Barrasso	Fischer	Risch
Blunt	Flake	Roberts
Boozman	Graham	Rubio
Burr	Grassley	Scott
Coats	Heller	Sessions
Coburn	Inhofe	Shelby
Cochran	Johanns	Thune
Corker	Kirk	Toomey
Cornyn	Lee	Vitter
Crapo	McConnell	Wicker

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL).

The motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 59 is agreed to.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LEVIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending 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 motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3304, the Department of Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

Harry Reid, Carl Levin, Patty Murray, Joe Donnelly, Christopher Murphy, Christopher Coons, Jon Tester, Tom Udall, John Rockefeller, Thomas Carper, Debbie Stabenow, Joe Manchin, Angus S. King, Jr., Mazie Hirono, Martin Heinrich, Bill Nelson, Max Baucus.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered. The mandatory quorum has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3304 shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 71, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

YEAS—71

Alexander	Franken	Mikulski
Ayotte	Gillibrand	Moran
Baldwin	Graham	Murkowski
Baucus	Hagan	Murphy
Begich	Harkin	Murray
Bennet	Hatch	Nelson
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Pryor
Blunt	Heitkamp	Reed
Booker	Hirono	Reid
Boozman	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Boxer	Johanns	Schatz
Brown	Johnson (SD)	Schumer
Burr	Kaine	Scott
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Landrieu	Tester
Casey	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Coats	Levin	Udall (NM)
Cochran	Manchin	Warner
Collins	Markey	Warren
Coons	McCain	Whitehouse
Donnelly	McCaskill	Wicker
Durbin	Menendez	Wyden
Feinstein	Merkley	

NAYS—29

Barrasso	Enzi	Johnson (WI)
Chambliss	Fischer	Kirk
Coburn	Flake	Lee
Corker	Grassley	McConnell
Cornyn	Heller	Paul
Crapo	Hoeven	Portman
Cruz	Isakson	Risch

Roberts	Sessions	Toomey
Rubio	Shelby	Vitter
Sanders	Thune	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 71, the nays are 29. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the measure.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the title of the bill (H.R. 3304) entitled "An Act to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor," and be it further

Resolved, that the House concur in the first three Senate amendments to the text of the aforementioned bill, and be it further

Resolved, that the House concur in the fourth Senate amendment to the text of the aforementioned bill, with an amendment.

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid amendment No. 2552, to change the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 2553 (to amendment No. 2552), of a perfecting nature.

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid amendment No. 2554, to change the enactment date.

Reid amendment No. 2555 (to (the instructions of the motion to refer) amendment No. 2554), of a perfecting nature.

Reid amendment No. 2556 (to amendment No. 2555), of a perfecting nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, the motion to refer falls.

The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am very pleased to join Senator INHOFE, the ranking Republican on our committee, in bringing to the floor the agreement between the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and the House on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

The House passed this bill last week with a vote of 350 to 69, and if we pass it in the Senate, which I am optimistic now that we will, it will mark the 53rd year in a row we have enacted this bill that is so essential to the defense of our Nation and to our men and women in uniform and their families.

I wish to thank all of the members of the Armed Services Committee and our staffs. I especially want to thank our subcommittee chairs and ranking members for the hard work they have done to get us to the finish line on this bill.

Of course, I thank Senator INHOFE for the close partnership we have had in leading this committee. We have both had the benefit of a strong relationship