

For example, in Massachusetts, we would be eligible to receive up to \$1 billion in Federal funding to create jobs by building affordable housing, schools, childcare facilities, community health centers, public hospitals, libraries, and clean drinking water facilities, removing lead pipes and replacing vacant or blighted properties; to improve education by hiring more public school teachers to reduce class sizes, increasing teacher pay, providing universal nutritious meals, and providing free tuition to attend public colleges, universities, or trade schools; and to make housing more affordable by providing rental assistance and eliminating homelessness.

We should prioritize eradicating poverty, not war. We should prioritize battling global killer diseases, not developing a new weapon designed to eradicate the human race. It is time we funded education, not annihilation—Medicaid, not missiles.

Where do we start to make Defense Department cuts? First, we must end the war in Afghanistan, which would save tens of billions of dollars. The time is long overdue to bring our men and women home. And it is time to double down on other tools of U.S. statecraft—diplomacy and development—to shape a better future for Afghanistan, particularly Afghan women.

As we work to put a stop to endless war and repeal the 2001 AUMF, the Pentagon must realign its budget to reflect the cold, hard wisdom of Ronald Reagan that “a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.”

Between the Departments of Defense and Energy, we are due to spend nearly \$50 billion on nuclear weapons in fiscal year 2021. Over the next three decades, we are on course to spend \$1.7 trillion on nuclear weapons overkill. We can field a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrent—one that assures our allies and partners—all without breaking the bank.

Our people, not our military parades, are the source of American greatness. Over the past few months, this country has experienced a reckoning, as Americans from all walks of life have had enough. They have had enough of being lied to by the President about the true threat of a deadly disease. They have had enough of people of color being murdered in cold blood by the very police forces meant to serve and protect them. And they have had enough of being told there just isn’t enough money to support the well-being of their communities, while they can see billions in taxpayers’ dollars going to unnecessary wars and nuclear weapons programs and to benefit the President’s friends and family.

The choice today is very clear. We are ready to take the smallest step, a 10-percent cut, to begin to address the gap in resources in this country. This is the time for us to stand up. We are about to have a debate on how much money we have to help families in this country through this pandemic. We are

being told that money is not there for unemployment insurance; for cities and towns not to have to lay off teachers; for cities and towns to have the testing, the contact tracing, and the personal protective equipment to protect families in our country; to make sure we can provide sick care leave; and to make sure we can provide childcare for families in this country. We are told there is not enough money. Yes, there is, and that money is in the defense budget of the United States of America, so that we can protect those families.

Too many people right now are nostalgic for a time that never was, instead of having the idealism which we need to battle the issues of today. But for the poor, the sick, the elderly, the disabled, the Black and Brown and immigrant families in this country, the past is just a memory and the future is their hard reality.

This is the time for the U.S. Senate to stand up and to begin the funding of the programs which every family needs to protect themselves. I urge an “aye” vote on this amendment, and, again, I thank Senator SANDERS for his incredible progressive leadership on this issue and for so many others.

I yield back.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1788

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question occurs on agreeing to the Sanders amendment No. 1788.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. SANDERS. 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 23, nays 77, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 135 Leg.]

YEAS—23

Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Booker	Leahy	Smith
Cantwell	Markey	Udall
Cardin	Merkley	Van Hollen
Casey	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Sanders	

NAYS—77

Alexander	Duckworth	Lee
Barrasso	Enzi	Loeffler
Bennet	Ernst	Manchin
Blackburn	Feinstein	McConnell
Blunt	Fischer	McSally
Boozman	Gardner	Menendez
Braun	Graham	Moran
Brown	Grassley	Murkowski
Burr	Harris	Paul
Capito	Hassan	Perdue
Carper	Hawley	Peters
Cassidy	Heinrich	Portman
Collins	Hoeven	Reed
Coons	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Cornyn	Inhofe	Roberts
Cortez Masto	Johnson	Romney
Cotton	Jones	Rosen
Cramer	Kaine	Rounds
Crapo	Kennedy	Rubio
Cruz	King	Sasse
Daines	Lankford	Scott (FL)

Scott (SC)	Sullivan	Warner
Shaheen	Tester	Whitehouse
Shelby	Thune	Wicker
Sinema	Tillis	Young
Stabenow	Toomey	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 23, the nays are 77.

Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the adoption of this amendment, the amendment is not agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1788) was rejected.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1972, AS MODIFIED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is on agreeing to the Tester amendment, No. 1972, as modified.

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 136 Leg.]

YEAS—94

Alexander	Gillibrand	Reed
Baldwin	Graham	Risch
Barrasso	Grassley	Roberts
Bennet	Harris	Romney
Blackburn	Hassan	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hawley	Rounds
Blunt	Heinrich	Rubio
Booker	Hirono	Sanders
Boozman	Hoeven	Sasse
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Burr	Inhofe	Schumer
Cantwell	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Capito	Jones	Shaheen
Cardin	Kaine	Shelby
Carper	King	Sinema
Casey	Klobuchar	Smith
Cassidy	Lankford	Stabenow
Collins	Leahy	Sullivan
Coons	Loeffler	Tester
Cornyn	Manchin	Thune
Cortez Masto	Markey	Tillis
Cotton	McConnell	Toomey
Cramer	McSally	Udall
Crapo	Menendez	Van Hollen
Daines	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Moran	Warren
Durbin	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Enzi	Murphy	Wicker
Ernst	Murray	Wyden
Feinstein	Perdue	Young
Fischer	Peters	
Gardner	Portman	

NAYS—6

Braun	Kennedy	Paul
Cruz	Lee	Scott (FL)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROMNEY). On this vote the yeas are 94, the nays are 6.

Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the adoption of this amendment, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1972) was agreed to.

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 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 amendment No. 2301 to Calendar No. 483, S. 4049, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal