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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Magnificent God, great are Your mercies, for You are a God of compassion. All day long, we put our hope in You. Thank You for fueling this hope with Your compassion and unfailing love. Give us the humility to depend on Your guidance as we strive to live for Your glory.

Lord, forgive us for our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Use our lawmakers to accomplish Your purposes as You show them the path they should choose. Remind them that You are a friend to those who choose to do Your will.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, November 18, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

#### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, the Senate gavels in this week with a lot to do. Off the floor, we will keep working on government funding, the NDAA, and try to move the ball forward on the farm bill and helping communities battered by disaster.

On the floor, the Senate will focus this week on confirming more of President Biden's judicial nominees. The majority will keep working to confirm

as many of President Biden's judicial nominees as we can before the end of the year. That will be one of the Senate's top priorities.

We will begin today by voting on the confirmation of Embry Kidd to serve as circuit court judge for the 11th Circuit. Judge Kidd boasts an impressive legal resume and is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Federal bench. I am confident he will make a great addition to the 11th Circuit. If confirmed, Judge Kidd would be the 45th circuit court judge and the 216th Federal judge confirmed to a lifetime appointment under President Biden and this Senate Democratic majority.

The judges we have confirmed represent perhaps the widest range of backgrounds and experiences ever seen under any President. We have more judges that worked as defenders, legal aid attorneys, civil rights lawyers, Federal prosecutors, voting rights lawyers, and more women and people of color than we have ever had under one administration.

After we vote today, we will keep going. Tonight, I will file on additional judges whom we will move forward on the floor this week. We also have several more nominees coming out of the Judiciary Committee on Thursday, and we will work quickly to move them out of this Chamber and onto the bench.

So let me repeat: The Senate is going to keep prioritizing judicial and administrative confirmations this week, this month, and for the rest of the year.

Now, on disaster aid, in addition to confirming more judges and administrative officials, the Senate also has much to do on the legislative side. We must keep the government open after December 20. We must pass the annual Defense authorization bill, the NDAA, just as we have done for over six decades. We hope to keep making progress on the farm bill. I see the Senator from Michigan here, and she is working diligently on that.

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But today I want to focus on disaster aid, something both Democrats and Republicans have long supported and which impacts people in every State of the country. Earlier today, the OMB, the Office of Management and Budget, released a letter addressed to Congress calling for swift action on disaster aid, along with a detailed breakdown of where that money is needed.

Right now, a host of Federal programs from various Agencies are running critically low on the funding they need to function. In some cases like the SBA, Small Business Administration, funding has already dried up. Without congressional action, the Federal Government may not be ready to respond to the next wave of disasters when they strike.

Many of the programs in need of replenishing focus on the long-term elements of disaster recovery. When disaster strikes, obviously, the first priority is getting people out of danger, providing for their needs. But then homes need to be rebuilt. Schools need to be reopened. Farmers need help recovering their losses from ruined crops. Roads and bridges and railways need funding for repairs. Businesses need loans to get back on their feet. All of these priorities are running critically low on Federal dollars.

A month ago, Speaker JOHNSON said getting disaster aid would be his priority upon Congress's return this month. I hope the Speaker honors that commitment and works with Democrats to get disaster aid done as soon as we can. We should not kick the can down the road nor withhold vital resources the Federal Government needs to properly help recovering communities.

It is a longstanding tradition that when any community is hit by disaster in this great country, we all rally together to help our fellow Americans. With just a few exceptions, this has almost always been nonpartisan. That is how it should be on issues like this that impact communities of all kinds and in all places.

We must work together to get disaster aid done as soon as possible so that we will be ready the next time disaster strikes.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Republican leader is recognized.

#### FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I was talking before about the ongoing campaign to undermine the Federal judiciary. Leftwing activists and elected colleagues, alike, continue to make

their disapproval of constitutionalist orthodoxy known at all levels, and Federal judges who are worried about where things are headed are in a bind.

They can't retaliate using their office because they swore an oath to uphold the law without respect to persons. They can't go on social media to defend themselves or put out press statements. That is because the American people rightly expect their judges to focus on deciding cases and interpreting the law, and not engaging in crisis communications.

Of course, the Founders anticipated some of this dynamic by giving Federal judges life tenure. They hold their offices until they give them up, regardless of how loudly law professors may complain.

So recent unanswered attacks may not have professional consequences for individual judges, but they do have an alarming effect on the judiciary as a whole. The article III branch lacks Congress's power of the purse. It can't exercise force like the President. Instead, it relies on the legitimacy of its judgments for its power, and these constant attacks are designed to erode that legitimacy.

Leftist law professors and journalists attack the courts seemingly with impunity. They know they can affect the institution, while their targets have to just sit there and take it. That is why I am so vocal and consistent in my defense of the Federal judiciary.

Sometimes—very rarely—the tables turn. Sometimes a judge does get a chance to respond to those who seek to undermine the integrity of the judiciary. It actually happened just last week.

At the latest Federalist Society convention, Judge Edith Jones of the Fifth Circuit was on a panel with one of the field marshals of the academic project to undermine the judiciary. Any of our colleagues who know Judge Jones wouldn't be surprised to hear that, in this academic context, she let the law professor have it.

When he complained that this is unfair and that he wanted to talk about abstract legal principles of judicial integrity, she pulled out his tweets denigrating conservative judges in Texas. The reaction from liberals in the legal academy—although I repeat myself—was outrage. How dare, they said, the judge give one of their own the sort of tongue-lashing they give conservative judges every day.

Well, bullies always cry foul when they are the ones who get punched right in the nose. So kudos to Judge Jones for standing up for her colleagues. She proved yet again why she is a lion of the bench.

And even if organizations like the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute continue to refuse to defend the judiciary from partisan attacks, our Federal judges can know that I, at least, will be in their corner.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Now, on another matter, I would like to pay tribute to an organization that has dedicated 40 years to protecting America's children.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has saved literally thousands of lives, and I hold it in particular high regard because its roots run deep in Kentucky.

Over 40 years ago, when I was a local official, the issue of missing and exploited children had yet to receive the national focus it deserved. Thankfully, two public servants, Ernie Allen and John Rabun, had vision and drive on this issue when few others did.

John and Ernie proposed to me that Jefferson County create a special unit bridging social services and law enforcement to combat the problem. Together, I believe we created the first police-social services team in the Nation dedicated to working child abduction and exploitation cases. The team pioneered new techniques, like a statewide fingerprinting effort that met much success—enough success, in fact, that other jurisdictions adopted our model, eventually leading Congress to establish a national center in 1984.

Today, the national center quarterback platforms like AMBER Alerts and a central tip line, mobilizing a vast network of data, resources, and child welfare professionals to help thousands of families avert tragedy. To date, their work has directly led to the recovery of over 400,000 children. Last year, they recorded a success rate of 88 percent.

So I am honored to recognize the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on 40 years of immense service to our country. I know parents all across America are thankful for the peace of mind that should the unspeakable ever occur, this fine organization stands ready to bring their children home.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Michigan.

#### FARM BILL

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, for more than 2 years, I have been working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass my sixth farm bill, the third one that I have either been chair or ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

I have met with farmers across the country who have made clear that crop insurance is their No. 1 risk management tool, farmers who made clear that the farm safety net must be the backbone of support for all farmers and not just a handful of mostly southern commodities.

I have met with families who are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet as food insecurity in our country continues to grow.

I have met with rural communities who are struggling to access the basic things they need to thrive, like access to healthcare, including mental health,

childcare, clean drinking water, and high-speed internet that we are all working to address.

The farm bill has always been the place where we put the power of the Federal Government at work in a bipartisan way to support farmers and families and communities. That is the coalition that has always been the foundation of a successful, bipartisan farm bill.

In May, the House released a proposal that would put immense taxpayer resources into a handful of mostly southern commodity programs. I am not saying that these farmers don't need support—they do—but it can't be at the expense of millions of other farmers and ranchers in this country, farmers in the middle of the country, farmers who grow fruits and vegetables, who run smaller and diversified operations or lack access to the tools and support that are overwhelmingly favored in the House bill. The large increases in farm subsidies should not be paid for on the backs of families in need or the broader needs of our small towns and rural communities.

In the spring, I unveiled our Democratic proposal, a 90-page, section-by-section bill to try to refocus our negotiations on holding the farm bill coalition together and actually getting a bill passed, not robbing Peter to pay Paul but instead taking a balanced approach that supports all of agriculture, our friends, our families, and rural communities across the country.

But unfortunately this did not spark the serious negotiation I had hoped for in order to put forward a bipartisan farm bill that can both pass the House, pass the Senate, and be signed by the President of the United States. So today I am introducing my Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act, a 1,397-page bill. This is it. This is a tremendous amount of hard work that has gone on, both from my staff—and I want to thank a really incredibly smart, creative team of people—and great staff on both sides of the aisle that have worked with us and colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

This particular farm bill has over 100 bipartisan bills incorporated in it, and this is the full text of the farm bill that I believe should pass and can pass and needs to be passed for our farmers and for others so impacted by the farm bill.

It is a robust bill. It includes \$39 billion in new resources above the farm bill baseline—\$39 billion more in funding above the normal farm bill baseline. It puts more farm in the farm bill for all of our commodities, not at the expense, though, of rural communities or American families that are critical to holding the farm bill coalition together.

It provides farmers with the certainty of a 5-year farm bill, and this is really important. We can do ad hoc help, but our farmers need the certainty of a 5-year policy so they can go to the bank, so they can get the financ-

ing they need, so they can know how to plan. This does that and at the same time responds to current needs. We are going to move up payments so that we can respond now, to more urgent needs right now that need to happen.

It also authorizes a permanent disaster program to ensure we have a process in place when disasters like Hurricanes Helene and Milton strike. This new program will put a consistent process in place so farmers have certainty and the USDA can get the money out the door. No more scrambling. No more leaving farmers behind. Our farmers deserve this.

It also makes a significant investment in title I for the 22 row crops that receive the lion's share of the resources available in the House proposal. We know—I know Republican colleagues primarily are focused on title I, and so we do a number of things to be able to increase support.

We move up the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs' payments by 6 months so that farmers receive assistance faster so they can keep their operations going. One of the things I have been concerned about, with so much reliance on ARC and PLC, is it doesn't pay out for a year and a half or 2 years. We have farmers that need help now, and we can fix that by putting dollars into speeding up the payments, and that is what we do in this bill.

It also increases the effective reference prices that trigger help by as much as 15 percent, with all 22 commodities getting at least a 5-percent increase for the first time in a decade.

The Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act continues to include crop insurance. Again, the No. 1 risk management tool that farmers have told us they want—crop insurance. It makes it more affordable and ensures that all farmers have access to this critical tool. It provides more coverage to more farmers at a lower cost. This crop insurance responds much more quickly than the ARC and PLC Programs, and it is important that we continue to make that as affordable as possible.

Importantly, I include a provision that will partially reimburse farmers' crop insurance premiums and what is called NAP fees to put cash in people's pockets who urgently need it right now.

Again, we can use the structure and policies of a farm bill rather than ad hoc assistance and just move up the payments, provide more assistance right now, and do it while we are passing a 5-year farm bill. That is what we should be doing.

The bill also strengthens support for specialty crops, which are almost half of what we grow—our fruits and vegetables and horticulture in this country. It strengthens support for specialty crops and ensures that farmers have the support they need to make sure we have American fruits and vegetables on our tables.

This is a significant investment in all farmers and all of agriculture because,

frankly, farming is one of the riskiest businesses out there—maybe the riskiest. I don't know if other people get up and look at the weather every day to try to figure out what is going to be happening for them. But it is getting even riskier now because of what is happening with the climate crisis, and we know that.

The majority leader was talking about disaster assistance being put out. It is critical. I strongly support it for farmers as well as for communities. But that is going to get more and more and more because of what is happening in the atmosphere and what is happening with climate change. How many once-in-a-generation storms or droughts need to hit our farmers over the head before we take this crisis seriously?

This bill will roll the historic investment we made in the Inflation Reduction Act into the farm bill baseline for the future. We take dollars for voluntary conservation programs that farmers are using, that farmers want. Right now, that funding is outside the farm bill baseline. We can make a tremendous, tremendous move forward for farmers by moving it into the farm bill baseline while keeping the language regarding climate.

Popular voluntary conservation programs that go directly to farmers—that is what we are talking about. This will make our farmers more resilient, because it is very simple: You put more carbon in the ground, you have healthier soil. You take more carbon out of the atmosphere, it is healthier for everybody. So this is a win-win, and we need to continue to support our growers and embrace the investments that we have already made.

I also am including new investments in biofuels. I see our Presiding Officer, who has been such a leader in Illinois and across the country. So important for jobs. So important as another place in which we can have a cleaner environment and cleaner fuels and more jobs.

We put more into the loan programs and local foods, trade. The list goes on and on, including a downpayment on a much needed ag research moonshot. We need reinvestment in the future of agriculture, in the future of our food supply.

But a farm bill is not just about investing in our farmers and ranchers—of course that is critical—but it is also about investing in the communities they call home. We know that rural communities are shrinking, and it is getting harder and harder to pass the farm on to the next generation.

In this bill, we are betting that rural prosperity is American prosperity. It improves quality of life for rural families by improving rural healthcare, including mental health services, and also childcare, rural childcare, which is so critical and so often not available.

It grows the middle class by creating good-paying jobs in manufacturing and entrepreneurship and small businesses in rural America.

It increases our investment in connecting communities to high-speed internet, which everyone in this Chamber agrees is essential to our success in the world. Whether it is a child being able to do their homework or a farmer being able to see a doctor or small businesses being able to access new markets beyond their rural Main Street, that all starts with reliable, high-speed internet. We have made major steps in the infrastructure bill that we passed; but, frankly, there is more to be done, and there is more focus that needs to be put on our rural communities to get that done.

And, importantly, this bill makes sure that rural communities are not left behind when it comes to accessing the resources of the Federal Government. When it comes to securing Federal grants, I know my hometown of Clare, MI, can't compete with Detroit or New York City when it comes to staffing. So we leveled the playing field by investing in the resources rural communities need to compete for hiring grant writers and planners and advisers to provide technical assistance so they can get the resources that they need.

And, finally, it is discouraging to me that the needs of families have been lost in this debate over the last 2 years. Yes, the farm bill must be the backbone of support for farmers and ranchers across the country. Yes, the farm bill must ensure that farming and a rural way of life can thrive today and into the future. Yes, the farm bill is where we put the support of the American people behind the men and women who feed and clothe and fuel this country.

And I would challenge anyone to look at my record as the leader of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee and say with a straight face that I am not a stalwart champion for farmers and ranchers.

But a farm bill must also be about the single mom in Michigan working two jobs who just needs a little bit of extra help to put food on the table for her kids so her children can thrive. At a time when food insecurity rates in our country have increased for the second year in a row, it is absolutely unacceptable for anyone to attempt to cut SNAP and other nutrition programs. I refuse to leave this mom behind. Not on my watch.

We should be investing in the farm bill nutrition programs that are the heart of the family safety net in this country. Our Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act does that. It does that and lays the groundwork to see a future where we could actually end hunger in America. It protects nutrition assistance and draws a clear line in the sand that we will not walk away from the progress we have made to keep families fed in this country.

This is a bill that keeps farmers farming and families fed and rural communities strong, all of which are critically—critically—important. And

it is a robust bill that is paid for by using the same resources our Republican colleagues in the House used to pay for their bill, but we don't divide the broad bipartisan coalition that is the foundation of the farm bill to do it.

In my time leading Democrats in the community, I have locked arms with Republican leaders like Senator Pat Roberts to defend programs that may not have been my priority, but it meant holding the coalition together. That is how you get legislation done. That is how you do it on a bipartisan basis.

You know, farm bills failed to pass the House in 2012 and 2018 because Republicans included cutting food assistance in their bill, and they didn't have the votes to pass it. They couldn't pass it.

In 2018, the farm bill passed the Senate with a historic 87 votes, and the only no votes were 13 nays by Republicans—just want to underscore that. So we know how to do this and get a bipartisan bill done that is robust support for our farmers and ranchers and communities and our families.

Now, frankly, today, as I look to the future and what comes if we don't get a farm bill done, I have a lot of question marks because Project 2025, the roadmap for the incoming Trump administration, actually proposes eliminating ARC and PLC—the very programs the House Republican bill makes their top priority. It would also gut crop insurance. It would terminate U.S. sugar production, and slash trade promotion programs.

Now, I don't know what is going to happen to that. Maybe nothing. But it should worry everybody that that is the vision that is out there. And, frankly, I think that is why it is no secret why the House farm bill that came out of committee on a primarily partisan vote last spring has not yet been put up for a vote on the House floor, because I don't think—and everyone tells me—there are not enough Republican votes to pass it. And the last time I checked, the Chamber will be similarly divided next Congress in the 119th.

So I would encourage my Republican colleagues to join with us, to join with me, to get this done now, to do what we need to do for farmers: provide them certainty, provide them more immediate help, and to do it right now.

I would encourage Republican colleagues to rethink their proposal to make the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in more than 30 years. That is not the way we get a bill done. I would encourage them to join us to pass a meaningful 5-year farm bill now—there is no reason we can't—and a bill that provides immediate assistance, within the farm bill, for what our farmers need.

The Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act is robust, adding \$39 billion to the farm bill baseline. It is bipartisan, with over 100 bipartisan bills included, and it balances the needs of farmers,

ranchers, families, and rural communities. It holds the broad farm bill coalition together, which is critical for the future of any farm bill, and I firmly believe that it is the best—and probably only—path to pass a 5-year farm bill this year. I urge my colleagues to come together and consider this bill seriously.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I hope that many people tuned into the presentation that Senator STABENOW just made. Those of us who serve in the U.S. Senate know that as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, she not only walks the walk, she talks the talk. She has passed a farm bill; no mean feat. She has shown her own expertise in achieving that goal and her understanding of a very complex piece of legislation.

Would the Senator from Michigan yield for a question?

Ms. STABENOW. Yes. Absolutely, yes.

Mr. DURBIN. Could you be kind enough to say for the record when the current farm bill expires?

Ms. STABENOW. The current farm bill expires at the end of December. So we have to do something before we leave in December.

Mr. DURBIN. Would you explain to those who are not familiar with it what happens if we do nothing?

Ms. STABENOW. Well, if we do nothing, then a number of programs revert to what is called a Depression-era policy, and there is something called the dairy cliff that everybody is always worried about because it goes back to a pricing structure that would completely throw the dairy industry into upheaval. And so this is not OK.

Mr. DURBIN. And when you say "Depression-era programs," are you literally talking about the 1930s?

Ms. STABENOW. Yes, yes. It throws it back to policies of the 1930s.

Mr. DURBIN. And there are consequences for dairy interests, for example.

Ms. STABENOW. Yes.

Mr. DURBIN. So if we fail to come together on a bipartisan basis before the end of the year, that is the reality that will be faced by the new administration?

Ms. STABENOW. Yes. Now, we could pass an extension again and throw this into the lap of everyone next year. That doesn't create any more certainty for farmers. Those who want to just do some ad hoc payments, you know, that is not going to work.

And so the reality is we have short-term help in our bill. We have a 5-year farm bill, and we can get it done now. One hundred bipartisan bills that are included in our bill—this is a bipartisan effort, even though at this point not endorsed on a bipartisan basis. But our farmers and ranchers would be a whole lot better if we could get this done.

Mr. DURBIN. Well, currently, under the Senate schedule which we have been told, we literally have until a little past the middle of next month to do our business.

Ms. STABENOW. Right. This means now.

Mr. DURBIN. Yes, of course. I would add to that we have many worthy judicial nominees on this calendar to consider too. So there is work to be done.

Ms. STABENOW. There is. And thank you so much. And thank you for being a valuable member of the committee.

I would just say where—we know and you know leading the Judiciary Committee, where there is a will, there is a way. If people want to come together, we can get something done and get it done by the end of the year. But people have to decide they really want a bipartisan bill and are willing to come together to do that.

Mr. DURBIN. And the key to that, I think, goes back 60 years ago where we married nutrition programs and agriculture programs so that people living in the city of Chicago, for example, who hear over and over “Illinois is an agricultural State” but don’t have any evidence of it other than what is on the table for their family to eat will have as much interest in passing the bill as my farmers down State. I am sure the same is true in the State of Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. There is no question. And we also have extensive evidence that when a bill is put forward on the floor that cuts the nutrition title, it never passes—2012 in the House, 2018 in the House. When Republican colleagues only put a bill on the floor that cuts nutrition, they do not get the bipartisan support, and it fails every time. This feels like Groundhog Day to me every single time.

And so I would hope that we would learn from those lessons and do what we did in 2018 in the Senate and come together and get a bipartisan bill.

Mr. DURBIN. So we all know that the cost of food has gone up, making it more difficult for families to keep food on the table, and we also know that low income people face that. What are the nutrition programs that are part of this farm bill that will help them?

Ms. STABENOW. Well, first of all, let me say the basic program is called SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is about \$6 a day for an individual. So a mom gets \$6; her child gets \$6.

Mr. DURBIN. That is not a lot.

Ms. STABENOW. Not when you go to the grocery store, no, that is certainly not.

And then we add support for food banks. We add additional assistance and incentives if you are buying fresh fruits and vegetables. We do, you know, some other kinds of things, but the basic is SNAP.

And going forward, we gave an update that hadn’t been done in 50 years in SNAP in the last farm bill, and it added—that \$6 now includes \$1.35. That was an update based on cost over a 50-

year basis, and that is what folks are arguing about. And going forward, CBO says there would be an update every 5 years of about 2 percent for SNAP, and that is what our Republican colleagues are fighting about.

Mr. DURBIN. I see my colleague from Minnesota is on the floor, and I just want to say that this exchange is the reason why we are going to miss Senator STABENOW of Michigan when it comes to the Agriculture Committee and many other areas. She does her homework. She understands that in the complexity of a big bill, that there are real-life human issues that face us, and there are real people who are waiting for us to get our job done.

Thank you for doing this and doing the committee. I sincerely hope we can get this done before the end of the year and the disastrous consequences that you described.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I just wanted to reiterate what the chief whip has said here: that Senator STABENOW has, over and over again, against all odds, been able to negotiate a bipartisan bill. And when you look at these past bills—and you can correct me if I am wrong, Senator STABENOW—it has been, actually, majority Democrat in the Senate vote on these bills, well represented by the two Senators from Illinois, who are both in this Chamber today. But I just think the fact that you have over 100 provisions in here that are bipartisan—it is really important to note—because there is absolutely no way we can do this unless we do this together.

And the other thing, while we are going to miss you dearly, as we go into next year, we know there is going to be a major debate on tax reform—which, of course, there should—that will be dominating a lot of our Senate time, and other issues. And, you know, my concern—and you can address this—is that we not let this important bill, which, as you have pointed out and Senator DURBIN has pointed out, is so important for ag—and when we see the input costs, when we see the weather conditions that our farmers have been suffering through—but also important for conservation efforts, as well as nutrition for this Nation, and there is absolutely no way we are going to be able to do this unless we have those three legs in this bill, not to mention the economic development and research.

So I want to commend you and just ask you that one last question about how important it is that your bill includes 100 bipartisan provisions and that we continue that work and do anything we can to finish this by the end of the year.

Ms. STABENOW. Thank you so much. And thank you, Senator KLOBUCHAR, for your current leadership and future leadership on the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

You know, I would say that, at any other time, putting forward a bill would be a starting point, and that then we would negotiate and work together, which I have been trying to do for 2 years. We put something out in May. We have been working and negotiating, but, now, here we are. And so the bill is more like the end, not the beginning. It is like: This we could pass, 100 different provisions that are bipartisan—and more than that.

There are a lot of titles. There are 12 titles of the farm bill, as you know, and a number of them we have negotiated. That is what is so frustrating. We have a number of those where we have a lot of agreement. There has been a lot of good work that has come together.

But in this one area, in terms of who gets the bulk of the resources, where they go—do we continue to honor what we did on conservation as it relates to climate, which is hitting farmers over the head? And do we try to pay for what farmers need? And I agree. I agree on what they need. But do we then say to the mom who is getting \$6 a day: You are going to pay for that.

And that is when I go: No.

And I know you feel the same way—that we have never said that. We have never said that. We have always said the resources in nutrition stay in the nutrition title.

We have also always said that, if you wanted to expand that, then you look for savings within the title. And so we don’t put money in or out in the nutrition title. But, somehow, we see this sense of being stuck.

So next year—you mentioned next year. And I would just say that I think this is incredibly risky for our colleagues from agriculture States that want very much to get a bill done, and I know there are many. I look at the fact that the House has not been able to bring their House Republican bill to the House of Representatives, which has a majority of Republicans. They can’t pass it.

And what happens next year with that?

I mean, at some point, it has to be bipartisan, and it has to be balanced and hold the whole farm bill coalition together.

The only question is, is it now or are you in a situation, in the midst of tax cuts and everything else next year, to try to put this back together to get it done? I would say farmers need certainty now. We can move up payments and get them more help now. There are legitimate concerns that farmers have in terms of costs. We need to do that now.

And I would love it if all the ag groups came in and said: We want to get this done now.

Now, I am not naive enough to assume that is going to happen, because of the politics of the world that we are in. But from an ag standpoint, it should.

So I appreciate both of you very much.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, I just want to add my voice of support. Why do we need a farm bill? Because we need farmers, and we need food. And one of the wonderful things about our farmers is they do a job that is incredibly hard to do.

It is a job that is filled with uncertainty. What is the weather going to be today? What are the prices on the futures market tomorrow? What is going to happen in our neighborhood?

It is incredibly uncertain, but the farmers love the work.

And who among us works harder than farmers? Maybe coal miners, but not many more. So they stand for hard work and feeding America.

The second thing is farmers need stability because they have no control over things that profoundly affect them. But the other thing is farmers actually are the custodians of our landscape. And they, in all of our communities—whether it is dairy, say, in Vermont, or it might be wheat or corn in Illinois, or cherries in Michigan—they are providing a benefit to all of us who are not farmers and can't take on the courage they have to do that work.

And on the conservation title, I have talked to a lot of farmers in Vermont. They are so appreciative that, in addition to feeding us with nutritious food, they have a chance to actually get some income to help us conserve the land. That is a good thing because that is another income stream for the farmers.

So this should not be a fight among opposing sides. What do we have to do to provide stability to farmers? They have to get a fair price for their crop. And then, if they are going to make contributions on the whole issue of conservation in reducing carbon emissions, they have to get some income for that. And that is in the farm bill.

So let's pass the farm bill because we need farmers, we need food, and we need a clean and healthy environment. I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I want to thank the Senator from Vermont and remind people that his comments make it clear this is not just a Midwestern issue. It affects the whole Nation, from one side to the other.

As I said, Senator STABENOW has been our leader. I hope we can get a breakthrough in the coming days and weeks.

TRUMP CABINET

Madam President, it is hard to believe it has been less than 2 weeks since the last election—2 weeks. If it seems long, it is because you may have been following what has happened since.

Already, President-elect Donald Trump is selecting his proposed members of his Cabinet. Last week, when it came to the Department of Justice, Mark Paoletta, who is overseeing the Trump transition team for the Depart-

ment of Justice, warned that "career DOJ lawyers must be fully committed to implementing President Trump's policies or they should leave or be fired." He shamefully slandered these nonpartisan public servants as the "deep state"—whatever the heck that is.

And Cleta Mitchell, an adviser to President-elect Trump, argued that "every lawyer in the voting section and likely the Civil Rights Division needs to be terminated."

Of course, the President may set policy directives, but the Department of Justice is not—and should never be—any President's personal law firm. Civil servants have an independent duty to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States and should never be under pressure to take illegal action.

During his first term, then-President Trump tried to use the Department of Justice to overturn the 2020 Presidential election, as detailed in the Senate Judiciary Committee's "Subverting Justice" report.

Unfortunately, President-elect Trump has already made it clear that, in his second term, he will again undermine the rule of law and weaponize the Department of Justice to seek revenge on his perceived enemies.

The clearest illustration of Trump's resolve to remake the Justice Department into his personal political law firm is his intent to nominate former Congressman Matt Gaetz to be Attorney General.

Let me be clear. Former Congressman Gaetz is the least qualified person and the most radical person ever to be nominated to be Attorney General. While he is a lawyer, he practiced law for only a short time, and his congressional career has been distinguished by his extremism. For example, former Congressman Gaetz has regularly called for eliminating the Justice Department that he has now been nominated to lead. He also wants to abolish the Justice Department's components, most prominently, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, "if they do not come to heel"—his words. Last year, he introduced legislation to eliminate the ATF.

Former Congressman Gaetz's main qualification seems to be unquestioning loyalty to Donald Trump.

Why do I keep referring to Mr. Gaetz as "former Congressman"? That is due to the most serious concern about his being entrusted with this new responsibility.

While Mr. Gaetz just won reelection and the 118th Congress is still in session, he resigned his seat in the House of Representatives of last week. Why? Why would he quit the House at this point if he has just been reelected? It was an apparent attempt to prevent the House Ethics Committee from releasing a damaging report on his personal alleged misconduct.

Mr. Gaetz has been credibly accused of engaging in sexual misconduct with

a minor, illicit drug use, sex trafficking, bribery, and obstructing government investigations into his alleged misconduct.

I might remind those listening to this debate: We are talking about Donald Trump's choice to be the Attorney General of the United States of America.

These grave public allegations against Mr. Gaetz speak directly to his fitness to serve. Let me add that President-elect Trump's announced intent to offer Mr. Gaetz's nomination without even a standard FBI background check that every Presidential appointee undergoes is completely unacceptable.

As chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the last 4 years and a member of that committee for over 20 years, I can tell you that people have been eliminated from consideration for judgeships and other important appointments because they smoked a joint—because they smoked a marijuana cigarette, eliminated from consideration. They have also been eliminated from consideration if they didn't file the proper tax returns for paying a babysitter or nanny.

I have had Members' nominees excoriated because of poetry they wrote while they were in college. And now we have the President-elect saying: We are not going to do an FBI background check on a man who could be Attorney General, and we may call for recess appointments so the Senate loses its opportunity for advice and consent.

The heartening thing that has occurred in the last few days is that a number of Republican Senators have stepped up and publicly joined me in calling on the House Ethics Committee to release this report on Mr. Gaetz so that we can review it, if he is truly going to be the nominee of President Trump in this capacity.

The Senate has a constitutional duty to advise and consent, and it is crucial that we consider all the information necessary. Before considering this nomination, the Senate Judiciary Committee must review this ethics report from the House, from a bipartisan committee—equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans—who have released it.

Last Thursday, all Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee requested the House Ethics Committee provide these materials to us immediately. There is substantial precedent for the release of these materials in both Chambers. The House Ethics Committee released a preliminary report about former Congressman Bill Boner after he left Congress.

The preliminary report stated:

[T]he general policy against issuing reports . . . is outweighed by the responsibility of the Committee to fully inform the public regarding the status and results of its efforts up to the date of Representative Boner's departure from Congress.

It is difficult to imagine a more compelling instance where there is a need to inform the public of the results of an

ethics investigation than when the subject has been nominated to be the Nation's top law enforcement officer.

It is also deeply troubling that Mr. Gaetz is not the only example of President-elect Trump's intended nominees who would lead the Department of Justice and inevitably weaponize it to seek vengeance.

President-elect Trump also announced last week that he intends to nominate Todd Blanche as Deputy Attorney General and John Sauer as Solicitor General—two critically important appointments in the Department of Justice. Mr. Blanche and Mr. Sauer happen to have been two of Donald Trump's personal defense attorneys in the actions taken against him, and they now will be poised to be his attorneys at the Justice Department.

Mr. Gaetz would be a disaster as the next Attorney General. As the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am committed to ensuring my colleagues of both parties have every fact at hand to understand his danger. I will do everything in my power to ensure that Donald Trump cannot turn the Department of Justice into his personal law firm, and I will defend the career public servants who work at the Justice Department and have dedicated their lives to defending the rule of law.

President-elect Trump won the election fair and square, but that doesn't mean he is entitled to choose extreme, unqualified loyalists to fill his Cabinet. The Senate must fulfill its constitutional responsibility to advise and consent.

I yield the floor.

THE ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Jersey.

GAZA

Mr. HELMY. Madam President, I come to the floor today as a New Jerseyan, as the only Arab American serving in the U.S. Senate, and as a human being utterly devastated—broken, even—by the unfathomable scale of human suffering taking place right now in Gaza and the West Bank as a direct consequence of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

This war has already claimed an estimated 44,000 lives across Gaza and the West Bank. Almost half of those killed by the bombshells and bullets of this war have been women and children—teens, toddlers, infants. That is not to mention the millions more who have been displaced from their homes by this conflict and threatened by famine and illness.

According to current estimates, every hour, this conflict claims the lives of 15 innocent people—every single hour. It is reported that fully rebuilding Gaza and the West Bank after the war could take at least 200 years or more—literal centuries from now, well beyond our lifetimes.

It should not matter what one's politics are, what one's religion is, what one's nationality is, or one's ethnicity. These facts should shock our conscience to the very core. On our watch,

right before our eyes, we are witnessing one of the most rapid decimations of human life in recent history.

Now, let me be clear about a couple of things. I have always and continue to firmly, unquestionably support Israel's right to exist and defend itself against all forms of terrorism and those who sponsor terrorism. I vehemently condemn Hamas and the barbaric attack against Israel and its civilians on October 7, 2023, when 1,200 innocent Israelis lost their lives—a dark day in history during which Hamas also took hundreds of innocent hostages, including U.S. citizens. One of those hostages is New Jersey resident Edan Alexander—a 20-year-old Tenafly High School graduate who should be immediately returned home safely along with all remaining hostages.

Again, all human beings, regardless of political persuasion or ideology, should be devastated by the widespread loss of human life and human suffering on all sides, but I have some real, some hard questions about what is causing the scale of suffering in Gaza and the West Bank and why we are seemingly unable to alleviate it in any significant way. These questions are not abstract. They stem from what I have seen and heard with my own eyes and ears during a recent official trip to Jordan to assess the state of humanitarian assistance in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon.

What I saw was this: There is a de facto blockade of even the most basic aid supplies getting through the Kerem Shalom crossing, the only viable point of entrance for aid to Gaza and the West Bank. This blockade has severely restricted the amount of aid to make it to the desperate Palestinians, whose lives literally depend on it. Just today, it was reported that nearly 100 trucks transporting lifesaving aid were violently looted at gunpoint, adding yet another unique challenge to getting aid to civilians.

The effects of this chokepoint have resulted in other absurd outcomes. I recently toured warehouses, including one that U.S. Secretary of State Blinken toured himself, stocked to the very brim, practically overflowing with lifesaving aid supplies. This blockade has prevented the safe transport of those supplies into Gaza and the West Bank, where just miles away women, children, and families are literally starving. These are pallets, upon pallets of food, medication, pillows, latrines, and winterized tents to keep families warm as winter sets in, all of it just sitting there because of a man-made blockade.

What I heard was this: I met with medical surgeons and doctors of the Jordanian Armed Forces serving in Gaza who recounted harrowing stories of amputations on children, futile attempts to keep the malnourished alive, and operations in makeshift tents under live fire and drone strikes. These frontline providers—heroes—told me

that a number of partially operational hospitals are resorting to using everyday materials like sewing thread for clothes to stitch up patients after surgeries because they have run out of appropriate medical supplies. That should appall every one of us.

Israel's recent passage of two laws to totally ban UNRWA from operating anywhere in Palestine has, of course, threatened to make the problem even worse. It is irrefutable that UNRWA is the primary, on-the-ground provider of aid, food, and other essential services to the people of Gaza and the West Bank. Shutting down UNRWA at this time is shutting down the very nerve center of humanitarian aid and assistance within Palestine.

These insights have left me with many questions: Do these actions intent on limiting aid into Gaza and the West Bank, taken under the pretense of security operations, comply with international humanitarian laws and norms? Are these the actions we should expect from one of our closest democratic allies in the world? Perhaps these are questions for people far more versed in the matters of war and legal compliance than I, but Members of this body should be asking these same questions. Many are, and I thank them for their bold leadership.

And what exactly are we doing to ensure that our closest ally in the Middle East is living up to the humanitarian principles and human rights that we claim to embrace and enforce around the world?

My conversations with Americans of all walks have revealed a deep desire for the United States to take a more aggressive role in protecting innocent civilians suffering from the brunt of this war, and on occasion, we have done that. I thank the Biden administration for their efforts thus far to alleviate the chokepoints and expand the flow of aid into the region.

I also think it is important that the administration agreed with the U.N. Security Council's statement that "UNRWA remains the backbone of all humanitarian response in Gaza" and that "no organization can replace or substitute UNRWA's capacity and mandate to serve Palestinian refugees and civilians in urgent need of lifesaving humanitarian assistance." However, so much more needs to and must be done.

As we enter a new Congress and a new administration takes office next year, the U.S. Government will and should continue debating the enormously complex policy and geopolitical issues that are at stake in the Middle East, but I am not here to opine on the Gordian knot of Middle East policy nor do I pretend to have cure-all solutions to the problems that have been plaguing the region for many decades.

I traveled through several States over the last 2 months and spoke with many students—Arab and Muslim Americans and many others—who are deeply concerned with the crisis. The

conversations were thoughtful and reflected the complexity of the situation. One can call terrorism what it is—terrorism. One can stand up and support Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, and yet one can speak to the truth that the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the West Bank is simply unacceptable.

When I asked a young man what he hoped to see, he said to me, simply: I want to see the world say and show that the life of a Palestinian child is just as valuable as the life of a child anywhere else in the world.

I simply will conclude where I began. My fervent plea is for all of us in this body and in our country to see what is happening in the Middle East through the lens of our humanity, first and foremost. No human should be worth less than another based on which side of a checkpoint or crossing they may live on.

Perhaps, just perhaps, if we keep the principle at the center of our approach, we can do better by the innocent people of Gaza and the West Bank who so desperately demand and need our humanity.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. HELMY. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, we just had an election 2 weeks ago. I am not here to lord it over anyone, to gloat or anything else, but it is an important observation that Americans let their voices be heard overwhelmingly to go in another direction, and they voted for Republicans, but they also voted against the status quo.

Americans in Louisiana feel that their government is not serving them the way it should. They are struggling to afford trips to the grocery store, their energy bills, and to afford flood insurance.

For over 50 years, Americans have relied on the National Flood Insurance Program, or the NFIP, to be a safety net in case of disaster. NFIP covers 4.7 million homes across the country, including families like those in LaPlace, LA, pictured here.

For those who are watching on television, there are a bunch of homes, and they are surrounded by water. You can tell where the street is because the water is in the street. Fortunately, there is a little bit of green around most homes, but you can tell that that community is flooded.

For many, flood insurance is the only option to have protection against something like this, but the program is

not serving Americans the way it should. Skyrocketing insurance premiums caused by FEMA's new risk assessment program, Risk Rating 2.0, has left many people in Louisiana and many families around the Nation with no way to protect their home. Risk Rating 2.0 makes flood insurance unaffordable and puts the entire program at financial risk.

Now, despite Congress never approving Risk Rating 2.0, it unfairly jacks up rates, driving people to drop their coverage. Let me repeat that. Despite Congress never approving Risk Rating 2.0, this program by NFIP is jacking up rates, forcing people to drop their coverage.

I hear the story from folks in Louisiana constantly, and that is what motivated me and my team to release a detailed report breaking down the current state of NFIP, how it reached this point, and what Congress can do to make flood insurance affordable again. What we found confirmed what people in Louisiana and Americans across the country already know: The National Flood Insurance Program is broken.

Now, by the way, this is 19 pages. It is not 600 pages of legalese. It is not something that you read to cure your insomnia. It is 19 pages that a Senator, that a staff person, that someone watching can download and read, and, with 19 pages, you can understand the complex program and understand why it is failing the people it is intended to serve. We did this with the goal that we would help get a program that is affordable, accountable, and sustainable as opposed to the program that FEMA has created, one that is unaffordable and going bankrupt as it forces Americans to drop unaffordable coverage.

After storms like Hurricane Helene—which, by the way, showed us that flooding is not just a coastal issue; it is also occurring inland in river systems—we should listen to the American people when they say they are not OK with the status quo.

So let's take a look at some of the things in the report. And I warn you, it is not good news.

First, we found that the average flood insurance cost in every State rose following Risk Rating 2.0. That was true for 80 percent of people in Louisiana, who saw a spike in their insurance premiums in the first year.

Second, NFIP premiums in Louisiana increased by 234 percent, resulting in 52,000 people in Louisiana dropping their policies last year alone. That is 52,000 Louisiana homeowners dropping their policies because it was no longer affordable in just 1 year. I represent Louisiana, but it is not just Louisiana in which this is an issue; nearly half a million Americans nationwide have dropped their coverage.

Third, FEMA itself now predicts that up to 1 million policyholders nationwide could lose flood insurance coverage in the next decade. They admit that their pricing is going to devastate the ability of Americans to afford this

program. That said, FEMA still refuses to be transparent in terms of how they are calculating premiums, and this lack of transparency with Risk Rating 2.0 leaves policyholders in the dark.

This is the reason that we pushed to delay the program's implementation when it was first announced. President Trump did delay it. In 2019, my office worked with the Trump administration to delay Risk Rating 2.0 because of this lack of transparency in how FEMA was calculating rates, but when the Biden administration took over, they allowed Risk Rating 2.0 to move forward even though concerns were never addressed. The end result: Homeowners have high premiums, no explanation, and—I repeat once more—52,000 people in Louisiana dropping coverage, 500,000 people nationwide.

A fourth key finding was, as we investigated NFIP and the lawsuits against Risk Rating 2.0 continued, it became clear that FEMA never had the authority to implement Risk Rating 2.0 without congressional approval. Again—I repeated it earlier; I will repeat it again—FEMA never had the authority to implement Risk Rating 2.0 without congressional approval. They never consulted Congress, and we never passed it. They went around Congress, and their explanation, I think, is flimsy. It is like when you catch your child doing something they know they shouldn't be doing. Risk Rating 2.0 did not even adhere to the proper procedure for rulemaking in the executive branch. Risk Rating 2.0 runs counter to what Congress intended, and FEMA had no right to do what they did.

So these are the four key findings of the report:

One, premiums rose in every State; two, they rose astronomically in places like Louisiana; three, up to 1 million policyholders will drop their coverage because they can no longer afford it; and fourth, FEMA sidestepped Congress to implement this without authority.

These findings reflect why the American people overwhelmingly voted for change. The status quo is unacceptable.

The NFIP is in desperate need of reform, and it has needed this reform for years. Now Republicans have an opportunity to finally listen to the American people on this issue.

Now, being too afraid to touch certain political issues may serve politicians well, but it sets the American people back. Enough is enough. NFIP affects every State.

On this chart, you will see States in dark yellow. They have been hit by flooding the most. California, as the Presiding Officer can see right there, through the gulf coast, up the Atlantic, including a State like Pennsylvania which is just tippy-tip on the Atlantic, and an inland State like Missouri—all these have had more than \$1 billion in NFIP claims since 1978. The 44 States other than these have had over \$50 million in total NFIP claims. This is a national issue.

So the message to my colleagues who represent States that rely upon the NFIP is, let's find a way forward. We know what the next steps must be. Congress must pass a comprehensive NFIP reform package that protects families from excessive premium hikes, strengthens mitigation efforts—mitigation: decreasing your risk of flooding—and simplifies the claims process by cutting redtape.

FEMA must—absolutely must—re-evaluate its pricing methodology and focus on affordability, just as Congress originally intended. FEMA must roll back Risk Rating 2.0, and we must ensure that FEMA does not go rogue, doing things without congressional approval. We also must demand that Congress listen to the feedback from State and local stakeholders.

I have a plan to make flood insurance affordable again for all Americans. I am encouraging my colleagues to join. Let's end the status quo.

With that, I yield the floor.

#### NOMINATION OF EMBRY J. KIDD

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Judge Embry Jerome Kidd to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Born in Birmingham, AL, Judge Kidd earned his B.A. with high honors at Emory University in 2005 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 2008. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Gregory on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Following his clerkship, Judge Kidd worked as an associate attorney at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, DC, between 2009 and 2014.

Then, from 2014 to 2019, Judge Kidd served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. In this role, he investigated and prosecuted individuals in cases involving public corruption, wire and mail fraud, financial crimes, violent crimes, crimes against children, and narcotics importation and distribution.

Since 2019, Judge Kidd has served a U.S. magistrate judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Judge Kidd has tried 15 cases to verdict, judgment, or final decision and, since joining the bench, has issued more than 13,700 written decisions.

The American Bar Association unanimously rated Judge Kidd as "well qualified."

Judge Kidd's experience in private practice and public service, coupled with his experience as a magistrate judge, has prepared him to serve with distinction on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

I am proud to support his nomination.

Mr. CASSIDY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that we start the vote now.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VOTE ON KIDD NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kidd nomination?

Mr. SCHATZ. 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 executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 45, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 264 Ex.]

##### YEAS—49

Baldwin	Helmy	Sanders
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schumer
Booker	Kaine	Shaheen
Brown	Kelly	Sinema
Butler	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Lujan	Tester
Carper	Markey	Van Hollen
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Murphy	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Ossoff	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	
Heinrich	Rosen	

##### NAYS—45

Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Cassidy	Kennedy	Schmitt
Collins	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lummis	Sullivan
Cramer	Manchin	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

##### NOT VOTING—6

Braun	Fetterman	Rubio
Daines	Hagerty	Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELMY). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 39, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 265 Ex.]

##### YEAS—48

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Tester
Casey	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	Merkley	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warnock
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

##### NAYS—39

Barrasso	Graham	Mullin
Blackburn	Grassley	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Collins	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lee	Sullivan
Cotton	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Young

##### NOT VOTING—13

Braun	Hagerty	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Tuberville
Daines	Romney	Vance
Ernst	Rounds	
Fetterman	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Can I have the attention of all the Members?

I am asking unanimous consent that any remaining rollcall votes this evening be 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 539.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. I give a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 266 Leg.]

#### YEAS—47

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Tester
Casey	Markey	Warner
Coons	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—36

Barrasso	Budd	Cotton
Blackburn	Capito	Crapo
Boozman	Collins	Cruz
Britt	Cornyn	Fischer

Graham	Lummis	Risch
Grassley	Marshall	Schmitt
Hawley	McConnell	Scott (SC)
Hoeben	Moran	Thune
Hyde-Smith	Mullin	Tillis
Johnson	Murkowski	Tuberville
Lankford	Paul	Wicker
Lee	Ricketts	Young

#### NOT VOTING—17

Braun	Hagerty	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Kennedy	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Sullivan
Daines	Romney	Van Hollen
Ernst	Rounds	Vance
Fetterman	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Amir H. Ali, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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 Executive Calendar No. 539, Amir H. Ali, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Tina Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Raphael G. Warnock, Gary C. Peters, Tim Kaine, Richard Blumenthal, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, Peter Welch, Mark R. Warner, Christopher A. Coons, Tammy Duckworth, Benjamin L. Cardin, Debbie Stabenow.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. WICKER. 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.

Mr. SCHUMER. Before we call the roll, we are going to cut the vote off—no matter who is here—in 12 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 267 Ex.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—39

Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeben	Ricketts
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Budd	Johnson	Schmitt
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Collins	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lee	Sullivan
Cotton	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Fischer	Moran	Wicker
Graham	Mullin	Young

#### NOT VOTING—15

Braun	Fetterman	Rubio
Cassidy	Hagerty	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Tester
Daines	Romney	Van Hollen
Ernst	Rounds	Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 601.

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

#### VOTE ON MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 268 Leg.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—40

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hoeben	Risch
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Budd	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lee	Thune
Cornyn	Lummis	Tillis
Cotton	Marshall	Tuberville
Crapo	McConnell	Wicker
Cruz	Moran	Young
Fischer	Mullin	
Graham	Murkowski	

#### NOT VOTING—14

Braun	Hagerty	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Tester
Daines	Romney	Van Hollen
Ernst	Rounds	Vance
Fetterman	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

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 Executive Calendar No. 601, Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Amy Klobuchar, Jack Reed, Tina Smith, Tammy Duckworth, Richard Blumenthal, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch, Sheldon Whitehouse, Raphael G. Warnock, Laphonza R. Butler, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. THUNE. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 269 Ex.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—40

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hoeben	Risch
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Budd	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Capito	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lee	Thune
Cornyn	Lummis	Tillis
Cotton	Marshall	Tuberville
Crapo	McConnell	Wicker
Cruz	Moran	Young
Fischer	Mullin	
Graham	Murkowski	

#### NOT VOTING—14

Braun	Hagerty	Sinema
Cramer	Manchin	Tester
Daines	Romney	Van Hollen
Ernst	Rounds	Vance
Fetterman	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 650.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. THUNE. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Duckworth	Lujan
Bennet	Durbin	Markey
Blumenthal	Gillibrand	Merkley
Booker	Hassan	Murphy
Brown	Heinrich	Murray
Butler	Helmy	Ossoff
Cantwell	Hickenlooper	Padilla
Cardin	Hirono	Peters
Carper	Kaine	Reed
Casey	Kelly	Rosen
Coons	King	Sanders
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Schatz

Schumer  
Shaheen  
Smith  
Stabenow

Warner  
Warnock  
Warren  
Welch

Whitehouse  
Wyden

## NAYS—42

Barrasso  
Blackburn  
Boozman  
Britt  
Budd  
Capito  
Cassidy  
Collins  
Cornyn  
Cotton  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cruz  
Fischer

Graham  
Grassley  
Hawley  
Hoeven  
Hyde-Smith  
Johnson  
Kennedy  
Lankford  
Lee  
Lummis  
Marshall  
McConnell  
Moran  
Mullin

Murkowski  
Paul  
Ricketts  
Risch  
Rounds  
Schmitt  
Scott (FL)  
Scott (SC)  
Sullivan  
Thune  
Tillis  
Tuberville  
Wicker  
Young

## NOT VOTING—12

Braun  
Daines  
Ernst  
Fetterman

Hagerty  
Manchin  
Romney  
Rubio

Sinema  
Tester  
Van Hollen  
Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Brian Edward Murphy, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 650, Brian Edward Murphy, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Debbie Stabenow, John W. Hickenlooper, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Tammy Baldwin, Tammy Duckworth, Christopher Murphy, Patty Murray, Jack Reed, Angus S. King, Jr., Gary C. Peters, Peter Welch, Margaret Wood Hassan, Brian Schatz.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

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

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. THUNE. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 271 Ex.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin  
Bennet  
Blumenthal  
Booker  
Brown  
Butler  
Cantwell  
Cardin  
Carper  
Casey  
Coons  
Cortez Masto  
Duckworth  
Durbin  
Gillibrand  
Hassan

Heinrich  
Helmy  
Hickenlooper  
Hirono  
Kaine  
Kelly  
King  
Klobuchar  
Lujan  
Markey  
Merkley  
Murphy  
Murray  
Ossoff  
Padilla  
Peters

Reed  
Rosen  
Sanders  
Schatz  
Schumer  
Shaheen  
Smith  
Stabenow  
Warner  
Warnock  
Warren  
Welch  
Whitehouse  
Wyden

## NAYS—41

Barrasso  
Blackburn  
Boozman  
Britt  
Budd  
Capito  
Cassidy  
Collins  
Cornyn  
Cotton  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cruz  
Fischer

Graham  
Grassley  
Hawley  
Hoeven  
Hyde-Smith  
Johnson  
Kennedy  
Lankford  
Lee  
Lummis  
McConnell  
Moran  
Mullin  
Murkowski

Paul  
Ricketts  
Risch  
Rounds  
Schmitt  
Scott (FL)  
Scott (SC)  
Sullivan  
Thune  
Tillis  
Tuberville  
Wicker  
Young

## NOT VOTING—13

Braun  
Daines  
Ernst  
Fetterman  
Hagerty

Manchin  
Marshall  
Romney  
Rubio  
Sinema

Tester  
Van Hollen  
Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNET). The majority leader.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 707.

## VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion.

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 272 Leg.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin  
Bennet  
Blumenthal  
Booker  
Brown  
Butler  
Cantwell  
Cardin  
Carper  
Casey  
Coons  
Cortez Masto  
Duckworth  
Durbin  
Gillibrand  
Hassan

Heinrich  
Helmy  
Hickenlooper  
Hirono  
Kaine  
Kelly  
King  
Klobuchar  
Lujan  
Markey  
Merkley  
Murphy  
Murray  
Ossoff  
Padilla  
Peters

Reed  
Rosen  
Sanders  
Schatz  
Schumer  
Shaheen  
Smith  
Stabenow  
Warner  
Warnock  
Warren  
Welch  
Whitehouse  
Wyden

## NAYS—41

Barrasso  
Blackburn  
Boozman  
Britt  
Budd  
Capito  
Cassidy  
Collins  
Cornyn  
Cotton  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cruz  
Fischer

Graham  
Grassley  
Hawley  
Hoeven  
Hyde-Smith  
Johnson  
Kennedy  
Lankford  
Lee  
Lummis  
Marshall  
McConnell  
Moran  
Mullin

Murkowski  
Paul  
Ricketts  
Risch  
Rounds  
Schmitt  
Scott (FL)  
Scott (SC)  
Sullivan  
Thune  
Tillis  
Tuberville  
Wicker  
Young

## NOT VOTING—13

Braun  
Daines  
Ernst  
Fetterman  
Hagerty

Manchin  
Romney  
Rubio  
Sinema  
Tester

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Anne Hwang, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 707, Anne Hwang, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Laphonza R. Butler, Peter Welch, Gary C. Peters, Chris Van Hollen, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tina Smith, Jack Reed, Christopher Murphy, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher A. Coons, Tim Kaine, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tammy Duckworth, Sheldon Whitehouse.

Cassidy  
Collins  
Cornyn  
Cotton  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cruz  
Fischer  
Graham  
Grassley  
Hoeven  
Hyde-Smith

Johnson  
Kennedy  
Lankford  
Lee  
Lummis  
Marshall  
McConnell  
Moran  
Mullin  
Murkowski  
Paul  
Ricketts

Risch  
Rounds  
Schmitt  
Scott (FL)  
Scott (SC)  
Sullivan  
Thune  
Tillis  
Wicker  
Young

Padilla  
Peters  
Reed  
Rosen  
Sanders  
Schatz

Schumer  
Shaheen  
Smith  
Stabenow  
Warner  
Warnock

Warren  
Welch  
Whitehouse  
Wyden

## NAYS—38

Barrasso  
Boozman  
Brett  
Budd  
Capito  
Collins  
Cornyn  
Cotton  
Cramer  
Crapo  
Cruz  
Fischer  
Graham

Grassley  
Hoeven  
Hyde-Smith  
Johnson  
Kennedy  
Lankford  
Lee  
Lummis  
Marshall  
McConnell  
Moran  
Mullin  
Murkowski

Paul  
Ricketts  
Risch  
Rounds  
Schmitt  
Scott (FL)  
Scott (SC)  
Sullivan  
Thune  
Tillis  
Wicker  
Young

## NOT VOTING—14

Braun  
Daines  
Ernst  
Fetterman  
Hagerty

Hawley  
Manchin  
Romney  
Rubio  
Sinema

Tester  
Tuberville  
Van Hollen  
Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 40, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 273 Ex.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

## NAYS—40

Barrasso	Boozman	Budd
Blackburn	Brett	Capito

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 711.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 38, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 274 Leg.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin	Coons	Kaine
Bennet	Cortez Masto	Kelly
Blumenthal	Duckworth	King
Booker	Durbin	Klobuchar
Brown	Gillibrand	Lujan
Butler	Hassan	Markey
Cantwell	Heinrich	Merkley
Cardin	Helmy	Murphy
Carper	Hickenlooper	Murray
Casey	Hirono	Ossoff

Blackburn  
Braun  
Cassidy  
Daines  
Ernst  
Fetterman

## NOT VOTING—16

Hagerty  
Hawley  
Manchin  
Romney  
Rubio  
Sinema

Tester  
Tuberville  
Van Hollen  
Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Cynthia Valenzuela Dixon, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 711, Cynthia Valenzuela Dixon, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Laphonza R. Butler, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Gary C. Peters, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Brian Schatz.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

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

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 275 Ex.]

#### YEAS—45

Baldwin	Heinrich	Peters
Bennet	Helmy	Reed
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Sanders
Brown	Kaine	Schatz
Butler	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Lujan	Stabenow
Casey	Markey	Warner
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warnock
Duckworth	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden

#### NAYS—38

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Budd	Johnson	Rounds
Capito	Kennedy	Schmitt
Collins	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lummis	Sullivan
Cramer	Marshall	Thune
Crapo	McConnell	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young
Graham	Murkowski	

#### NOT VOTING—17

Blackburn	Fetterman	Sinema
Braun	Hagerty	Tester
Cassidy	Hawley	Tuberville
Coons	Manchin	Van Hollen
Daines	Romney	Vance
Ernst	Rubio	

The motion was agreed to.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELMY). The majority leader.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 779.

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. CRUZ. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 276 Leg.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—39

Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Boozman	Grassley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Capito	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Kennedy	Schmitt
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Lee	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lummis	Sullivan
Crapo	Marshall	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

#### NOT VOTING—15

Blackburn	Hagerty	Sinema
Braun	Hawley	Tester
Cassidy	Manchin	Tuberville
Ernst	Romney	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Rubio	Vance

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Catherine Henry, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 779, Catherine Henry, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, Brian Schatz.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

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

#### VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. LANKFORD. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 277 Ex.]

#### YEAS—45

Baldwin	Cardin	Hassan
Bennet	Carper	Heinrich
Blumenthal	Casey	Helmy
Booker	Cortez Masto	Hickenlooper
Brown	Duckworth	Hirono
Butler	Durbin	Kaine
Cantwell	Gillibrand	Kelly

King Padilla Smith  
Klobuchar Peters Stabenow  
Luján Reed Warner  
Markey Rosen Warnock  
Merkley Sanders Warren  
Murphy Schatz Welch  
Murray Schumer Whitehouse  
Ossoff Shaheen Wyden

## NAYS—39

Barrasso Graham Murkowski  
Boozman Grassley Paul  
Britt Hoeven Ricketts  
Budd Hyde-Smith Risch  
Capito Johnson Rounds  
Collins Kennedy Schmitt  
Cornyn Lankford Scott (FL)  
Cotton Lee Scott (SC)  
Cramer Lummis Sullivan  
Crapo Marshall Thune  
Cruz McConnell Tillis  
Daines Moran Wicker  
Fischer Mullin Young

## NOT VOTING—16

Blackburn Hagerty Tester  
Braun Hawley Tuberville  
Cassidy Manchin Van Hollen  
Coons Romney Vance  
Ernst Rubio  
Fetterman Sinema

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 782.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. THUNE. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 39, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 278 Leg.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin Heinrich Reed  
Bennet Helmy Rosen  
Blumenthal Hickenlooper Sanders  
Booker Hirono Schatz  
Brown Kaine Schumer  
Butler Kelly Shaheen  
Cantwell King Smith  
Cardin Klobuchar Stabenow  
Carper Luján Warner  
Casey Markey Warnock  
Coons Merkley Warren  
Cortez Masto Murphy Welch  
Duckworth Murray Whitehouse  
Durbin Ossoff Wyden  
Gillibrand Padilla  
Hassan Peters

## NAYS—39

Barrasso Graham Murkowski  
Boozman Grassley Paul  
Britt Hoeven Ricketts  
Budd Hyde-Smith Risch  
Capito Johnson Rounds  
Collins Kennedy Schmitt  
Cornyn Lankford Scott (FL)  
Cotton Lee Scott (SC)  
Cramer Lummis Sullivan  
Crapo Marshall Thune  
Cruz McConnell Tillis  
Daines Moran Wicker  
Fischer Mullin Young

## NOT VOTING—15

Blackburn Hagerty Sinema  
Braun Hawley Tester  
Cassidy Manchin Tuberville  
Ernst Romney Van Hollen  
Fetterman Rubio Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Noel Wise, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 782, Noel Wise, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, Tina Smith.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

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

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. THUNE. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 39, as follows:

## [Rollcall Vote No. 279 Ex.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin Heinrich Reed  
Bennet Helmy Rosen  
Blumenthal Hickenlooper Sanders  
Booker Hirono Schatz  
Brown Kaine Schumer  
Butler Kelly Shaheen  
Cantwell King Smith  
Cardin Klobuchar Stabenow  
Carper Luján Warner  
Casey Markey Warnock  
Coons Merkley Warren  
Cortez Masto Murphy Welch  
Duckworth Murray Whitehouse  
Durbin Ossoff Wyden  
Gillibrand Padilla  
Hassan Peters

## NAYS—39

Barrasso Graham Murkowski  
Boozman Grassley Paul  
Britt Hoeven Ricketts  
Budd Hyde-Smith Risch  
Capito Johnson Rounds  
Collins Kennedy Schmitt  
Cornyn Lankford Scott (FL)  
Cotton Lee Scott (SC)  
Cramer Lummis Sullivan  
Crapo Marshall Thune  
Cruz McConnell Tillis  
Daines Moran Wicker  
Fischer Mullin Young

## NOT VOTING—15

Blackburn Hagerty Sinema  
Braun Hawley Tester  
Cassidy Manchin Tuberville  
Ernst Romney Van Hollen  
Fetterman Rubio Vance

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

[Rollcall Vote No. 281 Ex.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

## NAYS—38

Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	McConnell	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Wicker
Daines	Mullin	Young
Fischer	Murkowski	

## NOT VOTING—16

Blackburn	Hawley	Tester
Braun	Manchin	Tuberville
Cassidy	Marshall	Van Hollen
Ernst	Romney	Vance
Fetterman	Rubio	
Hagerty	Sinema	

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we have one final vote tonight. Votes will resume at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Motion To Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 817.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. COTTON. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 790.

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

Mr. TILLIS. 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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 38, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 280 Leg.]

## YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Coons	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Welch
Duckworth	Murray	Whitehouse
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Gillibrand	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

## NAYS—38

Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	McConnell	Tillis
Cruz	Moran	Wicker
Daines	Mullin	Young
Fischer	Murkowski	

## NOT VOTING—16

Blackburn	Hawley	Tester
Braun	Manchin	Tuberville
Cassidy	Marshall	Van Hollen
Ernst	Romney	Vance
Fetterman	Rubio	
Hagerty	Sinema	

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 790, Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, John W. Hickenlooper, Jeanne Shaheen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Sheldon Whitehouse, Gary C. Peters, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Jack Reed, Ron Wyden, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Chris Van Hollen, Alex Padilla, Richard Blumenthal.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

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

## VOTE ON MOTION

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

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.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 38, as follows:

Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 282 Leg.]

#### YEAS—46

Baldwin	Heinrich	Peters
Bennet	Helmy	Reed
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Warner
Casey	Markey	Warnock
Collins	Merkley	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Welch
Duckworth	Murphy	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Ossoff	
Hassan	Padilla	

#### NAYS—36

Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lee	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

#### NOT VOTING—18

Blackburn	Hagerty	Sanders
Braun	Hawley	Sinema
Cassidy	Manchin	Tester
Coons	Marshall	Tuberville
Ernst	Romney	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Rubio	Vance

The motion was agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sharad Harshad Desai, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

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 Executive Calendar No. 817 Sharad Harshad Desai, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Alex Padilla, Tim

Kaine, Brian Schatz, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Laphonza R. Butler, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Van Hollen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher A. Coons, Tammy Duckworth, Cory A. Booker, Sheldon Whitehouse, Kirsten E. Gillibrand.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO U.S. CAPITOL POLICE SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT STANLEY PAWLOWSKI III

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in celebrating the career of U.S. Capitol Police Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Stanley Pawlowski III, who is retiring in December after 22 years of service with the force.

Joining USCP in 2002, SSA Pawlowski was first assigned to the House division, until he was selected to be a dignitary protection division special agent in 2004. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2011 and, in that capacity, was part of the 2012 Inaugural Task Force.

Since 2013, SSA Pawlowski has served as a supervisory special agent (SSA) in the dignitary protection division. During his tenure, he has been the supervisor for Speaker protective details, majority and minority leader protective details, and has been responsible for leading numerous congressional codels and special events. Most recently SSA Pawlowski was one of the lead planners for the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

I hope my colleagues here in the Senate will join me in thanking Supervisory Special Agent Stanley Pawlowski for his service to the U.S. Capitol Police, to the Congress of the United States, and to our Nation. I thank him for a job well done and wish him all the best in his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO MACK ESTES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, since its founding, the Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) has been one of the strongest voices for agricultural communities in the Commonwealth, enhancing the quality of life for Kentucky's growers, processors, and all of us who enjoy the fruits of their labors. Each year, KFB recognizes a number of farmers in Kentucky for their long-standing contributions to the industry and their communities. This year, I am honored to join KFB and the Daviess County Farm Bureau in recognizing my good friend Mack Estes, recipient

of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Legacy Farm Award.

A third-generation farmer, Mack began farming full-time in 1963, shortly after graduating high school. On his family farm in eastern Daviess County, he has devoted his life to carrying on his family's legacy, growing corn and soybeans, two of our State's most prominent and versatile crops. Mack has remained an active leader in Daviess County throughout his life, serving on agricultural organizations like the Daviess County Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Young Farmers Association, and the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council.

I first had the privilege of meeting Mack through his many years at the Daviess County Farm Bureau, where he served across its leadership ranks for nearly four decades. As president of Daviess County Farm Bureau, Mack was always ready with recommendations and new ideas to improve the local Farm Bureau's success in Daviess County. He was instrumental in establishing the Farm Bureau's online footprint and building out its growing team, and he has put in countless hours to expand their presence both in the community and beyond Kentucky, traveling to Washington on numerous occasions to advocate on behalf of farm families in Daviess County. He has even taken his outreach beyond our borders to promote American agriculture abroad with farmers in sister countries, like Australia and the United Kingdom. His work earned him not one but two terms as president of the Daviess County Farm Bureau, a first in the county's history.

While much of his work lay on preserving farmers' way of life, Mack also understands the deep importance of paving the way for the next generation of Kentucky farmers, establishing the Farm Bureau's scholarship program for local high school seniors and encouraging young farmers to get involved in their communities and make their voices heard. Though Mack has taken a step back from farming full-time after six decades in the business, there is no doubt his friends and colleagues will continue to rely on his good judgement and mentorship for years to come. As one local official put it best, "I know he's always just a phone call away."

So I am proud to join the Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Daviess County Farm Bureau in recognizing Mack's lifelong commitment to advancing the agricultural community in Kentucky. On behalf of the Senate, I commend Mack and his entire family for three generations of the Estes Farm and for their stewardship of an industry that none of us could live without.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROY HANSEN

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Roy Hansen, who has been an integral part of my Senate staff for more than 20 years. Roy's dedication to public service and his remarkable contributions in the areas of technology,

growing opportunities for Idaho's youth, and constituent services have left an indelible mark on the Senate and the citizens he has served so faithfully.

Roy Hansen began his career in public service in 2003 as an intern in my Boise office while attending Boise State University, where he earned a bachelor of science in political science with a focus on public law and political philosophy and a master of public administration specializing in State and local government. After showing his data analysis acumen, he, thankfully, became a full-time member of my staff in December 2003 as the web developer and deputy systems administrator. Roy quickly demonstrated his visionary leadership in technology, and, in 2015, Roy was promoted to systems administrator and IT director.

Roy's keen interest in creating technological solutions that lead to efficient and effective government has been evident throughout his work to streamline our ability to efficiently advocate on behalf of Idahoans and communicate with the constituency and each other. He has been instrumental in leading many efforts to modernize the office's digital storage and archiving systems, develop the public website and intranet systems, provide digital data collection and data analysis support for statewide survey projects, develop and maintain our customized scheduling system, manage systems and processes that tens of thousands of Idahoans use every year to communicate with my staff and me, and so much more.

His efforts have greatly enhanced our office's digital capabilities, providing more efficient and effective service to the people of Idaho, and he has dedicated considerable time to training and supporting staff across various platforms. He is perpetually available to help with any rising technological need of staff, be it helping to access share drives, dealing with glitches, and always kindly and patiently responding to user errors. His leadership and innovation in digital engagement were instrumental in the office earning the Congressional Management Foundation's Silver and Gold Mouse awards for excellence in providing constituents with services and information through electronic means.

Beyond his technological contributions, Roy is deeply committed to cultivating the next generation of public servants. His internship experience influenced him to help create a formalized, continuous internship program in the State offices so more Idahoans benefit from the internship opportunity he valued. This internship program continues to thrive today, thanks in large part to Roy's efforts. He has also played a key role in supporting numerous policy and educational initiatives encouraging and supporting students, including the Congressional Award Program, the "We the People" High School Civics Competition, the U.S.

Senate Youth Leadership Scholarship Selection Committee, and military academy appointment ceremonies.

Roy has faced the many technological changes over the past decades with curiosity, know-how, and inventiveness. Currently, he is leading efforts to evaluate and integrate emergent artificial intelligence technologies and applications within the office, demonstrating his forward-thinking approach to governance and service. He also gets called upon to help with any number of necessary tasks from managing office inventories and vendor contracts, to State office security, to remodels, and so much more. No task has proven too big or too small for him to take on with his can-do spirit. The bottom line is, Roy has a great ability to smooth the edges of any challenge and keep things running efficiently.

Roy also remains deeply connected to his Idaho roots. Born in Idaho Falls and a graduate of Rigby High School, Roy resides in the Boise area with his wife of 25 years, Jessica, and their three children: Garrett, Everett, and Grace. He enjoys spending his free time camping, fishing, and playing the piano.

Roy Hansen has been an exceptional member of the Senate family, combining his deep knowledge of public administration, his passion for technology, and his unwavering commitment to public service. I extend my deepest gratitude and congratulations to Roy for his dedicated service to the Senate and the people of Idaho, and I look forward to his continued contributions in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO STACI LANCASTER

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Staci Lancaster, an indispensable part of my Senate staff for more than 20 years. Staci's writing acumen and understanding of the policy process have proven invaluable assets to the Senate and work on behalf of Idaho's citizens.

Staci Lancaster, née Stevenson, graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a bachelor's degree in political science and communications. During her senior year of college, Staci interned for then U.S. Representative Richard Norman "Doc" Hastings and was tasked with a unique opportunity to work on drafting a bill to enable the transfer of a park within Washington's fourth congressional district. Staci also interned with the victims assistance unit of the King County Prosecutor's Office.

Although she initially had plans of attending law school, Staci's remarkable work for Representative HASTINGS earned her a full-time position on his staff in 1998, advising him on issues related to agriculture, trade, the judiciary, immigration, labor, foreign affairs, defense, transportation, and education. Staci joined my office in 2003 to handle agriculture and environment

issues and later served as my minority staff director for the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, and Rural Revitalization and, then, the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness. Staci's planned 1 to 2 years in Washington, DC, quickly turned into 12.

Staci left Washington with her husband Arlen—whom she met in my office and to whom she has been married for 19 years—in August 2010. I have had many staff over the years, but none quite like Staci. Her impeccable attention to detail and writing skills are irreplaceable, so when she approached me about remaining on staff and working remotely as part of the communications staff, it was an easy decision. She has served as my most trusted staff writer ever since. Staci advises my writing on a wide range of issues from detailed policy papers for the Senate Finance Committee, to op-eds on veterans and rural issues, to highlighting encouraging and uplifting stories like adoption.

Staci's background growing up in a farm town gave her a deep respect for farming and ranching and has allowed her to thrive in her work on agriculture and trade policy. Her passion for others stretches her work even further. She recalls working on the authorization and expansion of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program, which provides a variety of free, fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to children at eligible elementary schools. That work has come full circle as she now relishes in hearing about fresh produce at her daughter's local school, as well as others across the country.

As the daughter of a Vietnam war veteran and granddaughter of World War II veterans, Staci's reverence and commitment to Idaho veterans comes naturally. She has compiled beautiful summaries of Idaho's veterans and their services to others and jumps at every opportunity to honor their heroic dedication to our Nation.

Beyond her professional scope, Staci is a devoted mother and wife who enjoys walks and enriching her mind through reading. She is an active member of her local community and has served as president and service committee chairwoman for the Rotary Club of Lander, as well as a member of the Museum of the American West Board of Directors and Lander Valley Farmers Market Board of Directors.

Staci resides in Lander, WY, with her husband Arlen, their daughter Gracie, and their dog, Addie.

Staci Lancaster is a rare gem of the Senate who holds a deep understanding of the legislative process and the needed communication of important issues. She has a heart for positive stories, as well as for policy issues that improve the lives of so many across the country, and her knowledge is often reflected in thoroughly detailed explorations of complex issues. Staci is a go-to resource for staff at every level in

my offices, having provided counsel, friendship, and patience to all. She has a kindness and approachable demeanor unmatched in these halls of Congress.

I am eternally grateful for Staci's dedicated service to the U.S. Senate and the people of Idaho and congratulate her on a job very well done. I look forward to her contributions in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACKIE DeCARLO

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Jackie DeCarlo, chief executive officer of Manna Food Center, in recognition of her remarkable service to our community in Maryland. For over a decade, Jackie has been a tireless advocate in the fight against food insecurity, dedicating her career to serving the Montgomery County community and improving the lives of countless residents.

Jackie's journey of service began long before her tenure at Manna. She grew up in Atlanta, GA, where she started her career as an elementary school teacher, instilling compassion and a sense of purpose in her students. Seeking new challenges, Jackie moved to Maryland with her wife Kristen Moe, bringing her passion for advocacy and her educational expertise to tackle the pressing issue of food insecurity in our region.

Manna Food Center, founded in 1983, has been at the forefront of eliminating hunger in Montgomery County, MD. Under Jackie's leadership, the organization expanded its reach, providing essential food assistance to over 30,000 residents annually. Jackie played a pivotal role in relocating Manna's headquarters from Gaithersburg to Silver Spring, a strategic move aimed at addressing the growing needs of underserved communities in the eastern portion of the county, helped found the White House-recognized Montgomery County Farm to Food Bank and Small Business Vouchers Programs, among many others, and shepherded Manna and tens of thousands of our neighbors through the dangerous twists and turns of the COVID-19 pandemic. And during her time at the helm of Manna, Jackie has been invited to attend the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health and to address the Senate Spouses Organization at the Naval Observatory. Her commitment to the mission of Manna is a testament to her leadership and dedication to social justice.

Jackie is also an active member of other local organizations, including Leadership Montgomery and Nonprofit Montgomery, where she continues to build partnerships and champion systemic change. Her influence extends beyond the nonprofit space; she has worked to create a more equitable and compassionate community, and indeed, the ripple effects of her endeavors will carry on for generations.

As Jackie departs Manna and embarks on this new chapter, spending

more time with her family and exploring new ways to engage with the public, her legacy of service will endure. Her work at Manna Food Center and her broader community involvement have left an indelible mark on Montgomery County, and we are forever grateful she has shared her buoyant spirit and visionary leadership with us. I ask my colleagues to join me in sending Jackie and Kris our deepest gratitude and best wishes.●

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING DELTA METALS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege this week to recognize Delta Metals of Lamoni, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Before moving to Decatur County, IA, Marvin Peachey owned and operated Delta Metals in Delta, CO. After forming strong connections with friends and colleagues, in 2013, Marvin opened Delta Metals in Leon, offering a range of manufactured metal roll roofing and siding products.

After relocating, Marvin and the Delta Metals team spent the early years traveling throughout Iowa. They focused on building trust through providing high-quality products and services. The company specialized in metal roofing and producing metal sheets. Today, Delta Metals serves as a comprehensive solution for various construction needs, including metal paneling and building packages for barndominiums, post-frame, and steel-frame buildings. They continually expand their product line to include various sizes, shapes, and colors to be able to cater to various client needs. As the company expanded, they added a sales office in Knoxville, IA. In 2022, they opened their brandnew headquarters in Lamoni, IA. Today, Delta Metals has a design team and thirty-five community-based employees.

The Delta Metals team is deeply involved in the Decatur community through their volunteer work at local events such as the Leon Chamber Easter Egg Hunt and the Lamoni Fall Festival. Marvin and his family are dedicated to helping their communities; from supporting disaster relief efforts to organizing community donations, Marvin, his wife Tina, and the team at Delta Metals are committed to making a difference. Additionally, Delta Metals is also a member of the Leon and Lamoni Chambers of Commerce and sponsors events held by the Decatur County Development Corporation. In recognition of their industry contributions and service to the community, the Decatur County Development Corporation awarded Delta Met-

als with the 2019 Business of the Year Award. This past July, Delta Metals celebrated their 11th anniversary in Iowa.

I want to congratulate Marvin Peachey, his wife Tina Peachey, and the entire team at Delta Metals for their continued dedication to supplying top-quality metal roofing and construction supplies and services to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

##### RECOGNIZING GREENFIELD DENTAL

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Greenfield Dental of Greenfield, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Dr. Ryan Frost was driven by the desire to give back to his community through dentistry. After graduating from the University of Iowa's College of Dentistry in 2018, Dr. Frost relocated from Des Moines to Greenfield where he worked with Dr. James Elliott at Greenfield Family Dentistry. In the fall of 2020, he became the owner of Greenfield Family Dentistry and then merged with Nodaway Valley Dental, rebranding to Greenfield Dental.

Shortly after establishing Greenfield Dental, Dr. Frost and his team realized that expansion was the best way to cater to the diverse dental needs of the Greenfield community. As part of the expansion, Dr. Frost moved Greenfield Dental's location in order to grow from 4 workspaces to 11. He also invested in a cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) machine for 3D x ray imaging, which allows for in-office root canals and dental implant procedures. This enabled Greenfield Dental to accommodate more patients, provide same-day emergency procedures, and offer a broader range of treatments, including dentures, teeth straightening, and pediatric dentistry. As the practice continued to grow, Greenfield Dental welcomed Dr. Erin Johnson as an associate dentist to help meet the community's dental care needs. In addition to Dr. Frost and Dr. Johnson, Greenfield Dental has a team of 11 employees who help with the dental practice in a variety of roles.

Over the past 4 years, Dr. Frost and his team have built a reputation as a practice deeply rooted in the community. Dr. Frost currently serves as the treasurer for the Greenfield Main Street Chamber Board, which annually recognizes Greenfield Dental and other local businesses for their community investments. Additionally, Greenfield Dental supports the Adair County Health and Fitness Center through annual donations. In the aftermath of the May tornadoes, the Greenfield community united in support of the cleanup

and recovery. Greenfield Dental, along with many others in the community, dropped everything to help their neighbors recover from the disaster. This fall, Greenfield Dental will celebrate its fourth business anniversary.

Greenfield Dental has quickly become a staple in Greenfield by providing residents with community-based, accessible dental care. I want to congratulate the team at Greenfield Dental for their contribution and commitment to their customers and community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING KALEIDOSCOPE FACTORY

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Kaleidoscope Factory of Pocahontas, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1997, Leonard Olson received a kaleidoscope as a gift while he was recovering in the hospital from a heart attack. This gift would go on to spark a lifelong passion of woodworking. A few years later, Leonard purchased a woodworking kit and began making his own kaleidoscopes. In 2000, he established the Palmer Kaleidoscope and Gavel Manufacturing Company to showcase his handmade woodwork that spanned from kaleidoscopes to household items. After 4 years, Leonard's passion project became a full-scale business, when he transitioned his studio into a store and opened Kaleidoscope Factory in Pomeroy, IA, in 2004. In 2014, Leonard moved Kaleidoscope Factory to downtown Pocahontas, where it quickly became a town staple. Kaleidoscope Factory has proudly welcomed visitors from across the world to not only purchase a kaleidoscope but also discover the art behind woodworking.

After Leonard's passing in 2019, his family and friends were determined to keep his dream alive. His family came together to carry on his mission of bringing joy to the community through woodworking and kaleidoscope making. Leonard's sisters Lois Hessenius and Margaret Egli stepped in and became owners of the business. Lois's husband Richard and son John handcraft the kaleidoscopes in their backyard, while a close family friend Patty manages the store. The community also got involved and assists with various aspects of the business, including handcrafting products or helping manage the website. Today, the unwavering support of friends and family has allowed Kaleidoscope Factory to offer a wide variety of products, from gameboards and trains to charcuterie boards, in addition to their signature kaleidoscopes.

Kaleidoscope Factory is actively involved with the Pocahontas commu-

nity. The team regularly attends county fairs across Iowa. The company is a member of the Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce. After Leonard's passing, the Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce renamed the annual Pocahontas Art Walk to the "Leonard Olson Memorial Art Walk", to honor Leonard's contribution to the Pocahontas Community and encourage visitors to support local businesses. The business also partners with the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission to install life-sized kaleidoscopes throughout parks and community centers around Pocahontas. This April, Kaleidoscope Factory celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Kaleidoscope Factory's commitment to keeping the art of woodworking alive by providing quality handmade kaleidoscopes and wooden goods to Pocahontas and its visitors is clear. I want to congratulate Leonard Olson's family, Lois and Richard Hessenius, Margaret Egli, and Patty Mefferd, and the rest of the Kaleidoscope Factory team for their dedication to preserving Leonard Olson's passion and contribution to the Pocahontas community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING LICHTSINN RV

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Lichtsinn RV of Forest City, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1976, Ron Lichtsinn, Sr., founded Lichtsinn Motors and primarily sold American-made general motor vehicles. Three years later, a collaboration with the founder of Winnebago expanded the company into selling recreational vehicles and motorhomes as well.

Ron Sr.'s son, also named Ron, was born and raised in Forest City before he moved to Des Moines for college. After graduating and meeting his future wife Hope, he relocated to Minneapolis for work and established a successful corporate career. While in Minneapolis, his wife Hope commuted to New York City for her job, and when 9/11 occurred, she was just 4 blocks away. This prompted the couple to move back to Forest City, IA.

After owning and operating Lichtsinn Motors for 25 years, Ron Sr. sold the business to his son and daughter-in-law in 2001. Ron and Hope grew the business to encompass the RV industry and had immense success in restoring market share. Now, the family expanded the space to a 52,000-square-foot facility, officially changed their name to Lichtsinn RV, and is recognized for being the top Winnebago Motor Home Dealer in North America.

Lichtsinn RV prioritizes its community. In 2009, Lichtsinn RV created the

"We Care Charitable Giving Foundation" that matches all employee contributions and has now donated over \$275,000 to organizations such as schools, sports teams, cancer society, arts centers, and Tunnels to Towers. Ron also serves on the board of Forest City Education Foundation, which provides scholarships for students in the community.

Lichtsinn RV's commitment to industry excellence and passion for their community is evident. I want to congratulate the Lichtsinn Family and the whole team for their impactful role in providing American-made recreational vehicles and motorhomes to folks across the country. I look forward to seeing their continued work.●

#### RECOGNIZING REVELTON DISTILLING COMPANY

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Revelton Distilling Company of Osceola, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

The Taylors' annual visits to the Kentucky Bourbon Festival inspired their creation of Revelton Distilling Company. Over the course of 6 years of attending this event, Robert and Christi connected with seasoned industry professionals, who revealed that many Kentucky distillers sourced their corn from Iowa. In 2016, the Taylors attended distillery school and officially opened Revelton Distilling Company in December 2020. As master distillers, the couple oversees every detail of their spirits' production.

Committed to supporting local agriculture, Revelton Distilling Company sources all its corn from Iowa farmers. The company then donates the byproduct of their spirit production back to those farmers for livestock feed. Revelton Distilling Company crafts all its products in-house, which includes 13 distinct spirits, ranging from flavored liqueurs to their multiple award-winning Revelton Mulberry Gin. Additionally, after 3 years of barrel aging and quality testing, the company launched their limited-release, single-barrel bourbon whisky.

Today, Revelton Distilling Company hosts a variety of community events, from corporate retreats to live music concerts in their 1930s-inspired art deco cocktail lounge. The company also offers hands-on whiskey-making experiences to demonstrate the inside workings of a distillery. Revelton's spirits have spread to four States and are currently in over 600 restaurants, bars, liquor stores, and grocery stores. Today, the company has grown to employ 21 members of the community.

Revelton Distilling Company has earned recognition not only in Iowa but globally. Over the years, Revelton

Distilling Company has won multiple Micro Liquor Spirit Awards and San Francisco Spirit Awards for their outstanding product design and incredible tasting spirits. The business actively participates in the community as a member of the Clarke County Development Corporation, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, and numerous other community-based organizations. The Taylors also work with the World Food Prize to support the availability of food worldwide. In addition, they collaborate with student entrepreneurs from Iowa State University and Des Moines Area Community College to support agricultural education efforts. In addition to Dr. Christi Taylor's many roles with the business, she is also the chief medical officer for the McFarland Clinic, Iowa's largest physician-owned, multi-specialty practice. This December, Revelton Distilling Company will celebrate its fourth business anniversary.

Through community events, partnerships, and high-quality products, Revelton Distilling Company has become an integral part of the Clarke County community, creating shared memories that bring people together. I want to recognize the Taylors and the rest of the team at Revelton Distilling Company for their commitment to locally sourced production in southern Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa and beyond.●

#### RECOGNIZING SALVAGED DESIGNS

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Salvaged Designs of Oskaloosa, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Jennifer Thomas-Maxwell was deeply involved in small business and entrepreneurship long before she founded Salvaged Designs. In 1950, her grandfather started a waste management business in Beacon, IA. Her parents took over the business in the 1980s and began operating it as a family business. Growing up, Jen worked in every part of the company, from the back of the garbage truck to looking over the books in the front office. In the fourth grade, Jen learned about recycling for the first time, which transformed her perspective on sustainability and waste management.

The first in her family to attend college, Jen studied graphic design and worked in the industry after graduating from college. After she started a family and she was spending time crafting gifts and costumes for her daughter, parents and other children in the neighborhood began wanting her personally designed items. As demand increased, she saw an opportunity to turn her projects into a full-scale busi-

ness. After years of hard work, Salvaged Designs opened its first storefront in 2016. Before long, Jen realized she needed a larger space. In 2018, Jen imagined her company's logo on a Main Street storefront she had admired. In March of 2020, Jen successfully opened Salvaged Designs on Oskaloosa's Main Street.

Today, Jen manages all repurposing and storefront operations for Salvaged Designs. Initially, the business focused primarily on repurposing old furniture, instruments, and other miscellaneous items brought in by customers and community members. With time, Salvaged Designs expanded to carry a variety of Iowa and Midwest-made products created with sustainability in mind, from recycled crayons to chemical-free detergents. The company also offers art classes for product revitalization, painting, and refinishing, which combines Jen's enthusiasm for design and recycling with her desire to empower others to create.

In addition to running Salvaged Designs, Jen is actively involved in the Oskaloosa community. In 2006, Jen raised money to fund the Beacon Park Playground, and, in 2008, she served as the project chair for the construction of a playground at the Lacey Recreation Complex. Jen previously served on the board of Oskaloosa Main Street, which aims to improve downtown Oskaloosa. Through Salvaged Designs, she continues to support the local high school, collaborating with the band to repurpose old instruments and donating half the proceeds back to the band. Jen is also working to start a program at the high school where students learn the value of repurposing materials. She previously served on the board of Oskaloosa Main Street, an organization that aims to improve downtown Oskaloosa. This November, Salvaged Designs will celebrate its eighth anniversary.

I want to applaud Salvaged Designs' commitment to sustainability and service to the community. Congratulations to their success and devotion to Mahaska County and the Oskaloosa community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING SHIVVERS MANUFACTURING

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week it is my privilege to recognize Shivvers Manufacturing of Corydon, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Charles Shivvers noticed the limitations and availability of existing grain auger systems which inspired him to create Shivvers Manufacturing in 1968. He patented the tapered sweep auger system, revolutionizing the efficiency

of the grain drying process. This breakthrough led to the first commercially successful Continuous Counter-Flow Grain Drying System, and within a year, Charles moved production from a home garage to a facility in Corydon, IA.

Since its founding, Shivvers Manufacturing has been a family business with Charles' wife Anita, and their sons Carl and Steve have helped grow and manage the company. During the agriculture boom of the 1970s, Carl and Steve expanded Shivvers Manufacturing by forming a sister company in Illinois, which later merged at the Corydon facility.

Recognizing the value of diversifying their product line, Charles and Steve explored new manufacturing opportunities, such as coffee and woodburning stoves. In 1984, they shifted their focus and successfully developed a plan for a zero-turn radius lawnmower. Subsequently, they launched the first prototype for the Country Clipper ZTR. Today, this line of lawnmowers continues to dominant their sales. Shivvers Manufacturing has continued to innovate with products like the CompuDry, a computerized dryer control attachment, and many others. Shivvers Manufacturing continues to advance agricultural technology, expanding its presence nationwide.

In June 2023, a fire destroyed part of the Shivvers factory. Despite this setback, the Shivvers Manufacturing team is diligently rebuilding at their current location in Corydon. Manufacturing has continued, with plans to resume operations in the new facility by the end of the year.

Today, Carl serves as the president of Shivvers Manufacturing while his grandson Dustin serves as the vice president of marketing. Shivvers Manufacturing continues to be a staple in the Wayne County community. The business is a member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. They also work to support local organizations and initiatives such as the Corydon Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. They are annual supporters of the Wayne County Fair and sponsored an upcoming housing development project in Corydon. Shivvers Manufacturing has 140 community-based employees and will be celebrating their 56th anniversary next year.

Shivvers Manufacturing's commitment to providing farmers with quality and innovative agricultural equipment is clear. I want to congratulate the Shivvers family and the rest of the team for their dedication to the agriculture industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ALEXANDRIA

● Mr. KAINE. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize the incredible work of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria,

SFA. Since its founding in 1986, the SFA has played a vital role in propelling high-achieving students with financial need into top colleges across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country. Its ongoing dedication to removing barriers for these students through wraparound advising, coaching, and scholarship programs has made a profound impact on their futures—and, by extension, on the community at large.

The recent milestone of awarding over \$1.4 million in the last year to support more than 400 Alexandria City High School graduates' matriculation to more than 60 different institutions is a testament to the SFA's commitment to ensuring that no student is left without the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals. In the nearly four decades that it has been helping students, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria has awarded nearly \$20 million in scholarships and helped send more than 5,700 Alexandria students to college.

Equally significant is the role the SFA plays in college and career advising. Starting as early as the ninth grade, the SFA guides students through the complex process of applying for financial aid, selecting a best-fit institution, and navigating the rigor and demands of postsecondary education. Through partnerships with the National College Attainment Network, the Virginia College Affordability Network, and annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops, SFA provides individual FAFSA assistance to ensure Virginia scholars have ample opportunity and boundless choice.

Furthermore, the SFA's participation in the first beta testing phase of the 2025–26 FAFSA highlights the organization's national leadership in improving access to financial aid. The SFA was one of only six organizations selected nationwide, a testament to and reflection of its deep connections to the vibrant and diverse set of student and contributor populations within the Alexandria community.

Thank you to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and its leadership, staff, volunteers, and community partners for continuing to open doors for the next generation of scholars and future leaders.●

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH OF THE JAMES MAGAZINE

● Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I would like to wish North of the James magazine a happy 30th anniversary and extend a heartfelt congratulations on reaching this milestone.

From its humble beginnings in a garage in Richmond's North Side, the magazine has flourished into an integral part of the Richmond community thanks to the tireless work of editor Charles McGuigan and his dedicated team. It has been delightful to watch the magazine's growth as a trusted

news outlet that uplifts the voices of local businesses, amplifies the voices of everyday Virginians, and highlights the efforts of not-for-profit organizations working to create a better community. The magazine's commitment to its readers is evident through its loyal following over the decades.

I was honored to have been featured by the magazine in 2012 and to have shared that distinction with many exceptional Virginians over the years. I am also proud of the accolades that the North of the James team has achieved this year, as recognized by the Virginia Press Association. Charles McGuigan and Rebecca D'Angelo earned first place for their combination picture and story, "Alleys: Roads Less Travelled," and Fran Withrow received second place for his commentary writing. Catherine McGuigan earned second place for her front cover designs for "Noah Scalin," "RampsRVA," and "Dawoud Bey."

Local news is essential to our communities, and North of the James magazine continues to be a shining example of this. From covering art exhibits and local cuisine to sharing the stories of everyday Virginians, the magazine has been a cherished resource for Richmonders. Congratulations again on a remarkable 30 years.●

### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 15, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1510. An act to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

S. 2274. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office".

S. 3267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the "First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building".

S. 3419. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office".

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8932. An act to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, November 18, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1510. A bill to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

S. 2274. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office".

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S. 3419. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office".

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Section 508 of the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024 (Div. B, P.L.118-50)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6516. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12001-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6517. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Technical Amendments" (48 CFR Parts 205, 212, 214, 215, and 217) (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6518. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Technical Amendments" (48 CFR Part 225) (DARS-2024-0001) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6519. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation: Past Performance of Affiliate Companies of Small Business Concerns (DFARS Case 2024-D016)" ((RIN0750-AM13) (DARS-2024-0035)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6520. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Procurement Technical Assistance Program (DFARS Case 2024-D006)" ((RIN0750-AM03) (DARS-2024-0018)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6521. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Updates to the Definition of Departments and Agencies (DFARS Case 2024-D026)" ((RIN0750-AM23) (DARS-2024-0033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6522. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Inapplicability of Additional Defense-Unique Laws and Certain Non-statutory DFARS Clauses to Commercial Item Contracts (DFARS Case 2018-D074)" ((RIN0750-DK33) (DARS-2023-0043)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6523. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Pilot Program to Incentivize Contracting with Employee-Owned Businesses (DFARS Case 2024-D004)" ((RIN0750-AM01) (DARS-2024-0017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6524. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6525. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendments to Commission Rules and Forms" (17 CFR Parts 200, 230, 274, and 275) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6526. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covered Clearing Agency Resilience and Recovery and Orderly Wind-Down Plans" (RIN3235-AN19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6527. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burma Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 525) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6528. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonding Requirements When Filing an Appeal of a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Civil Penalty" (RIN1014-AA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6529. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless: Revisions to Regulations" (RIN0991-AC14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6530. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Home-

less" (RIN2506-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6531. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Update to Include New Jersey State Requirements" (FRL No. 12035-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6532. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrating e-Manifest with Hazardous Waste Exports and Other Manifest-Related Reports, PCB Manifest Amendments, and Technical Corrections; Correction" ((RIN2050-AH12) (FRL No. 7308-04-OLEM)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6533. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Delaware; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 12094-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6534. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Forsyth County, North Carolina; Removal of Excess Emissions Provisions" (FRL No. 12179-02-R4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6535. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revisions; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 12225-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6536. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Mississippi; PSD and Air Quality Modeling Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12250-02-R4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6537. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal 'Good Neighbor Plan' for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Response to Judicial Stay" ((RIN2060-AW30) (FRL No. 8670 .4-03-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6538. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to section 203(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, a report relative to facilitating positive adjustment to competition from imports of fine denier polyester staple fiber; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6539. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2025 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts" (RIN0938-AV36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6540. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible Beginning January 1, 2025" (RIN0938-AV38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6541. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2025 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AV37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 465. A bill to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-244).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2783. A bill to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-245).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2908. A bill to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land (Rept. No. 118-246).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3857. A bill to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-247).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 4365. A bill to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-248).

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 4713. A bill to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 5333. A bill to subject certain private funds to joint and several liability with respect to the liabilities of firms acquired and controlled by those funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 5334. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require a report with respect to delayed notice requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 5335. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2029, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 5336. A bill to reauthorize child welfare programs under part B of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMY:

S. 5337. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require social media companies to disclose the gross revenues from transactions involving individuals who are younger than 21 years of age, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 5338. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify the experience requirement for direct farm ownership loans, eliminate the 10-year limitation on direct farm ownership loans, allow direct loans to be used for refinancing indebtedness, increase the lifetime limitation on debt forgiveness per borrower, and provide flexibility with respect to loan fund set asides for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 5339. A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 5340. A bill to provide the United States Government with additional tools to deter state and non-state actors from wrongfully detaining United States nationals for political leverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 5341. A bill making supplemental appropriations for small business disaster relief for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 344

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 1245

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to transfer unobligated balances made available for COVID-19 emergency response and relief to the Federal Communications Commission to enable the Commission to carry out the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program.

S. 1558

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 1806

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1806, a bill to establish Ocean Innovation Clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and ocean economy of the United States through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships, and for other purposes.

S. 1863

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1863, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products produced in the United States and in certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2379

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2379, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain cognitive impairment detection in the Medicare annual wellness visit and initial preventive physical examination.

S. 3193

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3193, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 3746

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3746, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, and for other purposes.

S. 4141

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4141, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and for other purposes.

S. 4243

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4243, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

S. 4778

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4778, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the exclusion for certain employer payments of student loans under educational assistance programs permanent.

S. RES. 869

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr.

RICKETTS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 869, a resolution designating the week beginning November 11, 2024, as "National Pregnancy Center Week" to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions.

#### NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for the 2024 third quarter Mass Mailing report is Friday, October 25, 2024. An electronic option is available on Webster that will allow forms to be submitted via a fillable PDF document. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations or negative reports can be submitted electronically at [http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/mass\\_mailing\\_form.htm](http://webster.senate.gov/secretary/mass_mailing_form.htm) or e-mailed to [OPR\\_MassMailings@sec.senate.gov](mailto:OPR_MassMailings@sec.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact the Senate Office of Public Records at (202) 224-0322.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate complete its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Kasubhai nomination; further, that the cloture motion with respect to the Kasubhai nomination ripen at 11:30 a.m.; that following the cloture vote, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Kasubhai nomination, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:55 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### THE JUDICIARY

BENJAMIN J. CHEEKS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE GONZALO P. CURIEL, RETIRED.

SERENA RAQUEL MURILLO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE CORMAC J. CARNEY, RETIRED.

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. TIMOTHY S. BRADY, JR.  
COL. DUSTIN J. BYRUN  
COL. HENRY DOLBERRY, JR.  
COL. LAUREN S. EDWARDS  
COL. CHRISTOPHER M. HAAR  
COL. SEAN P. HOEWING  
COL. RYAN M. HOYLE  
COL. DAVID C. HYMAN  
COL. ROBERT T. MEADE  
COL. JOEL F. SCHMIDT  
COL. JEREMY S. WINTERS

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN E. DOUGHERTY IV  
REAR ADM. (LH) JONATHAN E. RUCKER  
REAR ADM. (LH) DOUGLAS L. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) THOMAS M. HENDERSCHIEDT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) CHRISTOPHER D. ALEXANDER  
REAR ADM. (LH) BRADLEY J. ANDROS  
REAR ADM. (LH) SEAN R. BAILEY  
REAR ADM. (LH) BRIAN H. BENNETT  
REAR ADM. (LH) ADAN G. CRUZ  
REAR ADM. (LH) CHRISTOPHER A. KIJEK  
REAR ADM. (LH) MAX G. MCCOY, JR.  
REAR ADM. (LH) THOMAS P. MONINGER  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARTIN J. MUCKIAN  
REAR ADM. (LH) GREGORY D. NEWKIRK  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARK A. SCHAFFER  
REAR ADM. (LH) NICHOLAS R. TILBROOK  
REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT E. WIRTH  
REAR ADM. (LH) MICHAEL S. WOSJE

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

JAY E. BUTTERFIELD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

THOMAS A. HUTTON  
ROBERT D. MCALLISTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

##### To be colonel

ROBERT L. BELL  
DANIEL J. BROWN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

##### To be major

GABRIEL R. BULTZ

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

##### To be major

CORA L. ALLEN

ORLANDO AQUINO SEGARRA  
JOHN A. ARCHITZEL  
IAN G. AUCOIN  
SHANE G. BAGWELL  
SARAH H. BAILEY  
THOMAS J. BARONI  
PAULA F. BARR  
JASON R. BART  
REILLY G. BAYER  
BRYANNA M. BEAUCHAMP  
CYNTHIA M. BERNSTINE  
JOSHUA R. BIDWELL  
DAVID A. BLUM  
TIMOTHY A. BOWMAN  
ALEX L. BRINK  
EDWARD BRODY  
GARRETT G. BROOKS  
ZECHARIAH R. BRORING  
LINDSEY M. BROWN  
MICHAEL J. BROWN  
KYLE D. BURDETTE  
JESSE P. BURNETT  
MICHAEL K. CASWELL  
KIAHN' L. J. COOPER  
STEFANIE M. CORTESBIANCHI  
DANIELLE L. COWAN  
ANDREW R. DIESELMAN  
KRISTEN L. DORFMAN  
MATTHEW S. DOYLE  
ROBERT W. DUFFIE  
ANDREW J. EDELMAN  
DAVID M. ENGSTROM  
KARSTON E. ERICKSON  
KEVIN T. FARRELLY  
CHELSEA B. FINNEGAN  
BARRY J. FITZGERALD  
KATHARINE L. FITZPATRICK  
CHRISTOPHER W. GILL  
CAITLIN E. GRIEVE  
SCOTT D. GRONSKY  
HANNAH J. HADLAND  
GRAHAM M. HADLEY  
KENNETH B. HADSLY  
AMIR R. HAMDOUN  
TREVOR J. HARRIS  
GABRIELLE S. HEIM  
JARED W. HESLOP  
CHRISTOPHER M. HOBOLTH  
JORDAN A. HUFFMAN  
BRANDON A. HUNSAKER  
KIMBERLY E. HURT  
MICHELE L. ISCETT  
JARON R. JANSON  
KEITH A. JAWORSKI  
LANCE M. JOHNSON  
ROBERT A. JONES  
LYNN A. JUREK  
HAMZAH KHAN  
MARGARET E. KOTLIK  
ADA LACEVIC  
JONATHAN T. LACKOVICH  
PHILIP W. LAKIN III  
DAKOTA S. LEE  
RICHARD B. LEIPER  
ADAM N. LICHTENAUER  
CURTIS W. LITTLESUN  
CHRISTINA L. LOWRY  
CAITLIN A. MARCHAND  
KIARA Y. MARTINEZBENTLEY  
CAITLIN C. MARTINS  
JULIA M. MCCORMICK  
STEPHEN R. MILLWOOD  
DAVID G. MORGAN  
BENJAMIN S. NEWHOUSE  
VY D. NGUYEN  
VY T. NGUYEN  
JERRY S. PARKS  
LEVI R. PAULEY  
MOLLY E. PHILLIPS  
JONATHAN E. PIVETZ  
AMMAR REHMAN  
JOHN U. REYES  
SOLOMON RHO

CAROL K. RIM  
MICHELLE C. ROSS  
CHRISTOPHER J. SALEMME  
MICHAEL A. SALVUCCI  
KAYLYN A. SANDS  
TARA A. SCANLON  
ANTHONY J. SCARPATI, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER A. SIMONSON  
TAYLOR D. SMITH  
TIFFANY C. SOMMADOSSI  
JACOB M. SPALDING  
RYAN C. SPERAY  
GORDON J. STOCK  
SERGIO M. TARIN  
JAMES D. TAYLOR  
ROBERT J. THOMAS  
KYLE E. TREUBERT  
BRENNAN A. VAZQUEZ  
JEST'YNE A. VENARDI  
JONATHAN D. WELK  
LAUREN A. WELK  
BRIAN D. WESKAMP  
THOMAS N. WHEATLEY  
SHANE M. WIEGERIG  
BRIAN C. WILSON  
THOMAS S. WISNIEWSKI  
AARON S. WOOD  
KYLE R. YOERG  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624  
AND 7064:

*To be major*

RAFAEL J. KAPLAN

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY  
APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE  
UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION  
605:

*To be captain*

CHRISTOPHER D. CARAWAY  
THOMAS E. DIGAN, JR.  
ALEXANDER J. FRANZ  
DEREK M. GOEBEL  
MICHAEL C. GRAHAM  
KRISTINE Y. C. HIME  
CARL D. JAPPERT  
RANDALL J. LESLIE  
MICHAEL A. LILLEBERG  
LACY N. LODMELL  
ADAM M. MATTHEWS  
JOSHUA D. PETERS  
JEFFREY W. RANSOM  
MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ  
MICHAEL J. SIEDSMA  
TAYLOR J. SOUTH  
JOSEPH S. TURNER  
TERRY L. TURNER II  
KARI E. YAKUBISIN

*To be commander*

JAMES A. CAMERON  
BRIAN F. GOTTFRIED  
DANIEL J. HEMMER  
KEDISH O. HEMMINGS  
ALAN M. JANIGIAN  
KRYSTAL M. ROBERTS  
ANDREW SPILSBURY  
KEVIN P. TULLOCH  
STEPHEN E. WILLOUGHBY

*To be lieutenant commander*

MICHAEL W. ADAMS  
PERRY M. ARTZ  
RYAN P. BAILEY  
ANDREW N. BALHOFF

CHRISTOPHER J. BANKO  
RYAN T. BARKER  
JUSTIN D. BARNARD  
ERIK W. BIGGERS  
CHRISTOPHER H. BOBOC  
MICHAEL B. BYRNE  
FRANCIS N. CALICURA  
ERNESTO CASTANEDAROBLES GIL  
ZACHARY A. CEROLI  
SIQI CHEN  
JORDAN D. CHOATE  
HYUNG J. CHOE  
MATTHEW D. CORNS  
KEVIN S. DEGROFT  
DANIEL S. FRICK  
ANSEL R. HARTMAN  
ROBERT J. HAUGH, JR.  
SEAN J. HIGGINS  
MICHAEL P. JENNING  
SHAWN R. KAVANAGH  
MATTHEW L. KEARNEY  
WILLIAM S. KINSLEY  
ROBERT H. MATHER  
KYLE J. MUKA  
JOSEPH E. MURRAY  
JAMIESON P. NEWMAN  
MICHAEL J. ORTON, JR.  
WILLIAM P. PARKER  
PATRICK A. PENA  
GERSON M. PEREZRIOS  
MARC A. PRATHER  
JAMES E. REYNOLDS  
NSOMBI J. ROBERTS  
JAMES M. ROBERTSON  
MICHAEL J. ROSS, JR.  
MISHA M. C. SANCHEZ  
SETH D. SCHAEFFER  
ANDREW C. SIMS  
THOMAS A. SIMS  
JOSEPH M. SOUTHGATE  
BRYCE A. THUMMEL  
AMY F. TRAMMEL  
RYAN J. TRICKEL  
GAVINO L. VALDEZ  
CRAIG P. WHITE  
BRADFORD M. WINKELMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY  
RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be captain*

ERIK C. HEDVAL

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINT-  
MENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE SPACE FORCE  
UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be major*

KENNETH N. WOOTEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT  
TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES  
SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

BRENDA L. BEEGLE

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by  
the Senate November 18, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

EMBRY J. KIDD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES  
CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.