

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged en bloc from the following nominations: PN1499, PN1976, and PN2071; that the Senate then proceed en bloc, to the consideration of those nominations, that they be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Mark F. Green, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years, vice Sheldon J. Sperling, term expired.

Paul Charles Thielen, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years, vice Warren Douglas Anderson, term expired.

Michael C. Ormsby, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years, vice James A. McDevitt.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider en bloc the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: 500, 501, 1108, 1054, 810, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1115, 1116, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, and 1134; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; and that the Senate then proceed to Calendar Nos. 1009, 1010, and 1011, and that the Senate proceed to vote on each of these three nominations.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that in addition to what we have already agreed to, we have to have the question laid before the body on Calendar Nos. 1009, 1010, and 1011. I ask that the Chair consider first No. 1009.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to Executive Calendar No. 1009.

The nomination was agreed to.

Mr. REID. It is now my understanding we are going to move to Calendar No. 1110 and 1111 en bloc; is that right, Mr. President?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Without objection, the question is on agreeing to Calendar Nos. 1110 and 1111 en bloc.

The nominations were agreed to.

Mr. REID. I want to make sure the RECORD reflects that I have asked consent on the numbers I read before in addition to 1009, 1010, and 1011; and that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate now resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is the Chair's understanding.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010.

Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Raul Yzaguirre, of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Dominican Republic.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2002.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2010.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Anne M. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Osvaldo Luis Gratacos Munet, of Puerto Rico, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Edward W. Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

Johnnie Carson, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2015.

Mimi E. Alemayehou, Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Duane E. Woerth, of Nebraska, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Alexander A. Arvizu, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Joseph A. Mussoomeli, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

William C. Killian, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Robert E. O'Neill, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Albert Najera, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

William Claud Sibert, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Myron Martin Sutton, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

David Mark Singer, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

Jeffrey Thomas Holt, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Steven Clayton Stafford, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD

Mary Minow, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2014.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Subra Suresh, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Pamela Young-Holmes, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Harry James Franklyn Korrell III, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Joseph Pius Pietrzyk, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

PROMOTING NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES ACT OF 2010—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to Calendar

No. 577, S. 3815, and I have a cloture motion at the desk.

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

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 577, S. 3815, the Promoting Natural Gas and Electric Vehicles Act of 2010.

HARRY REID, JEFF BINGAMAN, MAX BAUCUS, TOM UDALL, JON TESTER, RICHARD J. DURBIN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., JACK REED, TOM HARKIN, THOMAS R. CARPER, BILL NELSON, KENT CONRAD, BYRON L. DORGAN, DANIEL K. AKAKA, AL FRANKEN.

Mr. REID. I now withdraw the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT—
MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 561, S. 3772, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the clerk will report the motion.

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 561, S. 3772, the Paycheck Fairness Act.

HARRY REID, PATRICK J. LEAHY, JOHN F. KERRY, CARL LEVIN, JACK REED, BERNARD SANDERS, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, RON WYDEN, TOM HARKIN, AMY KLOBUCHAR, SHERROD BROWN, KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, PATTY MURRAY, BARBARA BOXER.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw that motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

FDA FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 247, S. 510, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 247, S. 510, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.

HARRY REID, TOM HARKIN, RICHARD J. DURBIN, JEFF BINGAMAN, MAX BAUCUS, TOM UDALL, JON TESTER, BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, JEANNE SHAHEEN, FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, HERB KOHL, ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., JACK REED, THOMAS R. CARPER, BILL NELSON, KENT CONRAD, CARL LEVIN, MARY L. LANDRIEU.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum with respect to the cloture motions be waived; further, that any pro forma sessions not count as an intervening day.

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

Mr. REID. I express my appreciation to the Senator from Washington for allowing me to conduct this business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington is recognized.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010—Re-
sumed

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise to talk about the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, which we have passed back to the House, with amendments. Hopefully, they will pass it later this evening, and it will be the first time we have gotten this authorization passed and the work that we have been doing for the last 4 years on reforming the Coast Guard's Deepwater Acquisition Program from the mistakes made in the past and setting on a new course will actually become law.

As the Presiding Officer knows, the Coast Guard is a vital agency for us in the Pacific Northwest, everything from maritime safety to protecting our environment to our fisheries and the important missions they carry out. Obviously, making sure the Coast Guard has the tools it needs to get the job done is very important.

I thank Senators SNOWE, ROCKEFELLER, and HUTCHISON for their hard work and for Members on both sides of the aisle for working on this legislation.

I said it has important acquisition reforms, and I wish to mention a few of those because the Deepwater program, with its acquisitions, ran into many problems.

First and foremost, the Coast Guard will return to its appropriate competitive procurement practices. This legislation ends what was an industry self-certification process, and it codifies the very rigorous process that the Coast Guard should have with the Major System Acquisition Manual. It establishes the right leadership and oversight for that and, an important aspect, I think, of all procurements related to acquisitions of this size, analyses of alternatives conducted by an independent third party.

This legislation also has other important safeguards for oilspill prevention

and for fishing vessel safety, as the Presiding Officer knows, because one of the provisions in this legislation is to require a tug escort of double-hulled tanks in Prince William Sound, something the Presiding Officer, the Senators from Alaska, Mr. BEGICH and Ms. MURKOWSKI, asked be included in the bill.

This is important legislation, as we can see from the gulf incident and from incidents before. We obviously have to have large vessels escorted in and out of sensitive areas. I appreciate the leadership of the Senators from Alaska on this legislation.

It also adds new protections to the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary off the State of Washington, making sure it is protected from vessels that pose an oilspill threat.

It also extends the important oilspill response assets through Washington's very vulnerable Strait of Juan de Fuca making sure that it, too, is more protected and has more resources to deal with incidents in the case of oilspills.

Finally, there is a new requirement for fishing vessel safety designed to protect the life and welfare of those fishermen who risk their lives to bring seafood to our tables. It requires that large fishing vessels get a safety certification from independent third parties, and it mandates that smaller fishing vessels meet the same Coast Guard safety standards as recreation vessels.

This is important because we know our fishing vessels take great risk in providing catch to us in the product they bring to market. But it is important we do so in a safe and responsible fashion. Having this type of independent safety requirements will be much needed.

It allows the Alaska-Washington pollock fleet to replace their boats to help meet the new safety standards. As the President knows, the fishing fleets for Washington and Alaska are large operations. The pollock fishery alone is over a billion-dollar industry. Making sure these vessels operate in a safe manner is critical for our industries to continue to succeed.

I thank the Presiding Officer for his input and for my colleagues on the Coast Guard Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee and the committee at large for their help in getting this legislation passed.

As I said, it has been nearly 4 years in the making to get this important legislation through Congress. It comes at a time when we continue to want the Coast Guard to have the best resources to meet the missions and requirements of their job but to do their acquisition in a responsible way, to right the wrongs that has been in the Coast Guard acquisition process at the beginning of the Deepwater program, to make sure there is oversight and third-party evaluation of that, and to make sure, as I said, that this bill establishes new laws on oilspill prevention and on fishing vessel safety so we