

Kerry	Menendez	Shaheen
Klobuchar	Merkley	Stabenow
Kohl	Mikulski	Tester
Lautenberg	Murray	Udall (CO)
Leahy	Nelson (NE)	Udall (NM)
Levin	Nelson (FL)	Warner
Lieberman	Pryor	Webb
Lugar	Reed	Whitehouse
Manchin	Rockefeller	Wyden
McCaskill	Schumer	

## NAYS—40

Alexander	DeMint	Murkowski
Ayotte	Enzi	Paul
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Heller	Reid
Brown (MA)	Hoeven	Risch
Burr	Hutchison	Roberts
Chambliss	Inhofe	Rubio
Coats	Isakson	Sessions
Coburn	Johanns	Shelby
Cochran	Johnson (WI)	Snowe
Collins	Kirk	Thune
Corker	Kyl	Wicker
Cornyn	Lee	
Crapo	McConnell	

## NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Landrieu	Toomey
Boxer	McCain	Vitter
Graham	Moran	
Hatch	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 40. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate return to legislative session.

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

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for debate only with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

## TRIBUTE TO ALICE SAUDARGAS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding Illinoisan, Alice Saudargas, and to thank her for her many years of service as she ends her term on the Rockford School Board.

Alice Saudargas is a remarkable public servant. She has dedicated her life to working with high-poverty schools and troubled children. Alice and her late husband Alex spent more than 70 years educating students in Rockford, and as she recently said “we loved every minute of it.”

Alice Christine Nesheim was born in 1916 in northern Illinois to Norwegian immigrants. She graduated first in her high school class and was the first in her family to attend college. She grad-

uated with a degree from DeKalb State Teachers College, which is now Northern Illinois University. While there, she met her husband Alex Saudargas and they moved to Rockford to start a family.

Alice raised ten children and supported Alex as he led the basketball team at West High School to two legendary state championships in 1955 and 1956. In those days, Alice could always be seen at West's basketball games, cheering on the team.

But Alice wanted to have a personal impact on the lives of Rockford's neediest students. She went back to school and earned her master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University. Alice worked as a special education teacher and eventually became a principal of Elmwood Center, a school for emotionally disturbed children. The students there called her “Big Mamma” and they always appreciated the love, support, and care she showed them.

Alice retired from the school district in 1986 at the age of 70, but she didn't slow down or lose her passion for education. She led committees to help make the Rockford schools more inclusive of all children and to maintain the legacy of West High School. At the age of 84, Alice was appointed to complete a term on the Rockford School Board. She was subsequently elected in her own right and served on the board for 11 years. Her last day as a Rockford School Board member was April 26.

Alice is supported in all her endeavors by her 9 surviving children, 16 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren as well as the hundreds of students she has supported and mentored throughout her long career. She has touched the lives of countless individuals in my state. She is renowned for her commitment to Rockford's neediest children, her strong spirit, and of course her trademark laugh.

Although Alice's time on the Rockford School Board has come to an end, I know that this won't be the end of her service or commitment to the community. I understand that she plans to write a book about her life and work. That will be quite a story.

I thank Alice for her lifelong efforts to improve the lives of others in and around Rockford. I wish her all the best.

## TRIBUTE TO JODY HERNANDEZ

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in the midst of all our other business, I would like to just pause and take a moment to recognize the outstanding work of Jody Hernandez, who left us yesterday after 16 years of dedicated Senate service. Jody came to Washington, by way of San Antonio, after graduating from Vanderbilt University. Over the years, she has lent her talents to the Republican Policy Committee, the Budget Committee, and with Senator Don Nickles on and off the Hill. David Schiappa convinced her to come

back to the Senate in 2005, and she has been an indispensable part of the Senate floor team ever since. Whenever any of us had a question, she had the answer. She has been a friendly and welcoming presence in the cloakroom, regardless of how long her day was. She has been a tremendous help to every one of us. And we will all miss her. But we are all delighted that she has found her partner in life, and we wish her and her new husband, LCDR Glenn Wright, U.S. Navy, many years of happiness and every success as they begin their life together. Jody and Glenn met on a church trip to Israel in October and recently tied the knot. So I am sure many adventures lie ahead. We thank her for her good cheer, her professionalism, and her service.

## RECOGNIZING THE ALLY FOUNDATION

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise today to honor The ALLY Foundation, an inspirational organization in Massachusetts. In the summer of 2002, a young woman named Alexandra “Ally” Zapp walked into a fast food restaurant's restroom in Massachusetts and was brutally murdered.

Soon after Ally's death, her parents learned that the man who killed Ally was not just an employee of the restaurant but an extremely dangerous sexual predator with 24 previous criminal convictions, including rape and kidnapping.

Ally's mother, Andrea Casanova, and stepfather, Steven Stiles, turned their anger to resolve and their sadness to hope and founded The ALLY Foundation. The ALLY Foundation is dedicated to changing the way our society deals with sexual predators and educating policymakers, employers, and the general public on sexual violence. Their work initially involved learning all they could about sexual violence, poring over research, attending conferences, and interviewing dozens of experts. Andrea soon became an expert herself and a compelling presence at sex offender management conferences.

Andrea and Steve's tireless research confirms that current criminal statutes and incarceration guidelines as they pertain to sexual violence often go unenforced and are at best inconsistent. There are an estimated 600,000 sex offenders in the country and authorities have not accounted for as many as 100,000 offenders.

The ALLY Foundation does more than merely raise awareness of a problem; they're helping to solve it. Within 2 years of Ally's murder, The ALLY Foundation had already made a significant impact on public policy, including helping to pass Massachusetts's sexually dangerous commitment law—known as the Ally Zapp Law—to keep sex offenders predators off the street after they complete their criminal sentence.

Ally's tragic death and countless other attacks were the result of a legal

system largely unequipped to handle the unique dynamics of sexual predation. Ally's killer should never have been free, let alone work around the general public.

In less than a decade, The ALLY Foundation has had a profound impact on public policy. It is impossible to know how many lives have been saved or how many were spared the physical and emotional scars of sexual abuse and violence. But the fact remains that thanks to The ALLY Foundation, public officials and employers are far better educated and equipped to enact laws and adjust policies to reflect the unique nature of sexual violence. I commend Andrea and Steve for all they do.

#### ROONEY NOMINATION

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, in March, I was compelled to place a hold on the nomination of Jo Ann Rooney to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, when I was not satisfied that the military had properly investigated the mistreatment of some members of the Oregon National Guard who were demobilizing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, JBLM.

I am pleased to say that today I am lifting that hold.

I have had meetings and exchanged letters with Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Army Vice Chief of Staff General Peter Chiarelli, Major General Philip Volpe, Jo Ann Rooney, and Dr. Clifford Stanley, who will be Dr. Rooney's supervisor if she is confirmed. I have also received several documents related to the investigations, and written answers to more than 60 questions about the investigations.

I am satisfied that the actions taken by the Army put them on the right path to ensuring that future National Guard soldiers receive all of the care and benefits to which they are entitled.

I will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the changes the Army is making. However, I believe that Dr. Rooney would, if confirmed, work to ensure that all servicemembers get appropriate medical care, and improve the demobilization process.

I would urge the Senate to quickly and positively act on Dr. Rooney's nomination.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. PAMPERIN

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Mr. Thomas J. Pamperin of the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA. After nearly four decades of public service, beginning with the U.S. Army and now as the VA's Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Tom

is retiring. From his days as a VA claims examiner in Milwaukee to his present leadership position, he has ably served our Nation's veterans.

Tom has earned an excellent reputation with Members of Congress and their staff, especially with that of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, of which I was proud to serve as chairman during the 109th and 110th Congresses. He also receives high praise from leaders of veterans service organizations, the Department of Defense, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Justice. He has represented the VA with distinction before the Congress, other Federal agencies, and foreign delegations.

During my chairmanship of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Tom was the "go to person" for matters of critical importance to veterans, especially those seeking compensation for their war wounds. When time was of the essence, he cut through the red tape and personally saw to it that the veteran got the benefits that were due. More broadly, he has led efforts to improve the delivery of benefits to all veterans, including initiatives to ease the burden of proof for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, to enable veterans to begin the claims process before discharge from military service, to better coordinate the delivery of military and VA benefits, and to automate claims for higher education benefits under the new G.I. bill.

In particular, I thank Tom for the work he did in improving VA's evaluation of and ratings for veterans with traumatic brain injuries, TBI. Soon after becoming chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I asked former VA Under Secretary for Benefits, Daniel L. Cooper, about limitations on TBI ratings to 10 percent "and no more." Tom played a significant role in VA's response: He developed temporary guidance so that VA could promptly address cases where the limitation should not be applied and developed final regulations to ensure more appropriate ratings in subsequent claims. Tom's actions had an immediate and sustained impact on the lives of veterans who were injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 40 years of service to the Nation demonstrates a commitment to public service matched by few. Tom has worked tirelessly to ensure that veterans receive the benefits that they deserve, a goal that has become ever more challenging with increases in the number of servicemembers returning from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan who have serious injuries, the demand for G.I. bill benefits, and the number of compensable illnesses. Over the course of his career, Tom has devoted himself to delivering on the Nation's promise to care for the veteran and his widow. I applaud his dedication, hard work, and countless achievements, and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his many years

of service to the country and to the many veterans whose lives he has improved in such crucial ways. His record is an example of public service at its best, and I deeply appreciate his long commitment to those who have worn the nation's uniform. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors and know that all of us who have counted on him over the years will miss him.●

#### WORLD WAR II HEROES FLIGHT

• Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special group of veterans. In appreciation for their selfless service to our country, Brookshire's Grocery Store and Super 1 Foods have sponsored a World War II Heroes Flight that has brought 33 World War II veterans to Washington, DC, free of charge.

I want to take a moment to thank these brave veterans visiting our Nation's Capital, including six that are from Texas: John Connolly, Longview, TX; Gene Germaine, Longview, TX; Glen Kernohan, Longview, TX; Hugh Neeld, Jacksonville, TX; Dale Whitton, Tyler, TX; and Jim David Woolverton, Tyler, TX.

During this trip, these veterans will tour Arlington National cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the United States Capitol, and other sites. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERT A. WILD, S.J.

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I wish to honor Reverend Robert A. Wild, S.J., president of Marquette University in Milwaukee. Father Wild began his duties as president of Marquette University on June 17, 1996, with a pledge that he would "spare no effort in keeping Marquette on a strong and clear path into the future." As he enters retirement on July 31, 2011, it is my belief that my friend has not strayed from his pledge.

As a Catholic, Jesuit institution, Marquette promotes an academically rigorous, values-centered curriculum. Throughout his presidency, Father Wild has encouraged the practical preparation of students for work in an increasingly complex and diverse world, advocating for the formation of individuals as ethical and informed leaders in their religious, cultural, professional, and civic communities. Through this work, Father Wild has demonstrated a deep care and understanding of the development of young people.

Early in his career as president, Father Wild oversaw the rewriting of Marquette's mission statement in an effort to clearly define what all people,