

Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Steven Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Julia Frifield, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sylvia I. Garcia, of Michigan, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bradley Crowell, of Nevada, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.)

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

Andrea Levere, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

CONFIRMATION OF ZACH FARDON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate has just confirmed Zach Fardon to serve as the next U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Fardon is going to be an outstanding U.S. Attorney. He has a superb résumé. He served for six years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, where he worked on one of the highest-profile prosecutions in our state's history, the prosecution of Governor George Ryan. He also served for several years as a First Assistant U.S. Attorney in Nashville, which was the number 2 position in that office. Additionally, he has experience working as a public defender in Nashville, which has given him perspective from both sides of the courtroom.

It is hard to imagine a more bipartisan nominee. Senator MARK KIRK and I worked together every step of the way in identifying our next U.S. Attorney. We established a blue-ribbon, bipartisan screening committee to evaluate candidates for this job. Our screening committee highly recommended Mr. Fardon, and Senator KIRK and I agree that Mr. Fardon is an outstanding pick.

Former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, the man whose shoes Mr. Fardon will fill, agrees that he is up to the task. When Mr. Fardon was nominated, Pat Fitzgerald said "Zach is a wonderful person, a great lawyer and a natural leader."

I want to commend and thank Gary Shapiro, who has served as Acting U.S. Attorney for over a year, for his service and his excellent work. He has been a tremendous asset to the Northern

District of Illinois. But it is important to get Senate-confirmed leadership in place in this office, and I believe Zach Fardon will do an outstanding job.

Now that the Senate has confirmed Mr. Fardon, he can get to work addressing the urgent problems of gang and gun crime in the Northern District of Illinois. I have talked with Mr. Fardon about the need for the U.S. Attorney's office to take a leading role in this fight, and he agrees.

I am glad that the Senate has taken this step today, and I wish Mr. Fardon well as he takes on this new role. I look forward to working with him.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN799, Michael P. O'Rielly, and that the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The nomination is discharged. The nomination is placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following nomination under the Privileged section of the Executive Calendar: PN131; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any related statements be printed in the Record; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

Michael Wayne Hail, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 272, S. Res. 273, and S. Res. 274.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table on

each of these three matters, with no intervening action or debate on any of them.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. Con. Res. 24.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24), providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 24) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 24

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Wednesday, October 16, 2013, through Friday, October 25, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Monday, October 28, 2013, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Wednesday, October 16, 2013, through Monday, October 21, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.J. RES. 80

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.J. Res. 80, to my understanding, is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. The clerk will read the joint resolution by title for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 80) making continuing appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The joint resolution will be placed on the calendar.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Wednesday, October 16, through Monday, October 28, the majority leader and Senators KAINE and ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign bills or joint resolutions.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 1151, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: The Honorable MARTIN HEINRICH of New Mexico, vice the Honorable CARL LEVIN of Michigan.

Mr. REID. I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order of the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:54 p.m., recessed subject to the call

of the Chair and reassembled at 11:16 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. MURPHY).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, October 16, Senator BEGICH be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:16 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 11:34 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—S. CON. RES. 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate, having received a message from the House with respect to S. Con. Res. 8, agrees to the request for a conference, and the chair appoints Senators MURRAY, WYDEN, NELSON, STABENOW, SANDERS, WHITEHOUSE, WARNER, MERKLEY, COONS, BALDWIN, KAINE, KING, SESSIONS, GRASSLEY, ENZI, CRAPO, GRAHAM, PORTMAN, TOOMEY, JOHNSON of Wisconsin, AYOTTE, and WICKER as conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013, THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Thursday, October 17, at 12:15 p.m.; Monday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m.; and Thursday, October 24 at 12 noon; that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, October 24, until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013, unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 24, the adjournment resolution; that if the Senate receives such a message, the Senate adjourn until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013; that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of

morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 344, Richard Griffin, Jr., to be General Counsel of the NLRB, with up to 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to the cloture vote with respect to the Griffin nomination.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, the next rollcall vote will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday October 28.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013, AT 12:15 P.M.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:36 p.m., conditionally adjourned until Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 12:15 p.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar:

*MICHAEL P. O'RIELLY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2014.

*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 16, 2013:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

STEPHEN WOOLMAN PRESTON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

RANEE RAMASWAMY, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2018.

RICK LOWE, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2018.

OLGA VISO, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NISHA DESAI BISWAL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

ROBERTO R. HERENCIA, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GREGORY DAINARD WINFREE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE