

NOMINATION OF JAMES ALAN SOTO TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, the clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

NOMINATION OF LESLIE RAGON CALDWELL TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOMINATION OF HELEN MEAGHER LA LIME TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the following nominations, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nominations of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General and Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, 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 Angola.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back on both nominations.

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

VOTE ON CALDWELL NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON LA LIME NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, 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 Angola?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 1:45 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:36 p.m., recessed until 1:45 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. McCASKILL).

NOMINATION OF ROSEMARY MARQUEZ TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the Marquez nomination.

Neither side yielding the time, the time will be equally divided.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

Mrs. McCASKILL. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

Ms. HIRONO. 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 assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 81, nays 15, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Ex.]

YEAS—81

Alexander	Gillibrand	Mikulski
Ayotte	Graham	Murkowski
Baldwin	Grassley	Murphy
Begich	Hagan	Murray
Bennet	Harkin	Nelson
Blumenthal	Hatch	Paul
Blunt	Heinrich	Portman
Booker	Heitkamp	Pryor
Boxer	Heller	Reed
Brown	Hirono	Reid
Cantwell	Hoeven	Sanders
Cardin	Johanns	Schatz
Carper	Johnson (SD)	Schumer
Casey	Johnson (WI)	Sessions
Chambliss	Kaine	Shaheen
Coats	King	Stabenow
Cochran	Kirk	Tester
Collins	Klobuchar	Thune
Coons	Landrieu	Toomey
Corker	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Cornyn	Levin	Udall (NM)
Donnelly	Markey	Walsh
Durbin	McCain	Warner
Feinstein	McCaskill	Warren
Fischer	McConnell	Whitehouse
Flake	Menendez	Wicker
Franken	Merkley	Wyden

NAYS—15

Barrasso	Enzi	Roberts
Burr	Inhofe	Rubio
Coburn	Lee	Scott
Crapo	Moran	Shelby
Cruz	Risch	Vitter

NOT VOTING—4

Boozman	Manchin
Isakson	Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS L. RAYES TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Rayes nomination.

Who yields time?

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, we yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question occurs on the nomination.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second. There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 77, nays 19, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 154 Ex.]

YEAS—77

Alexander	Fischer	McCaskill
Ayotte	Flake	McConnell
Baldwin	Franken	Menendez
Begich	Gillibrand	Merkley
Bennet	Graham	Mikulski
Blumenthal	Grassley	Murkowski
Blunt	Hagan	Murphy
Booker	Harkin	Murray
Boxer	Hatch	Nelson
Brown	Heinrich	Paul
Cantwell	Heitkamp	Pryor
Cardin	Heller	Reed
Carper	Hirono	Reid
Casey	Hoeven	Sanders
Chambliss	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Coats	Kaine	Schumer
Cochran	King	Sessions
Collins	Kirk	Shaheen
Coons	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Corker	Landrieu	Tester
Cornyn	Leahy	Toomey
Donnelly	Levin	Udall (CO)
Durbin	Markey	Udall (NM)
Feinstein	McCain	

Walsh Warren Wicker
Warner Whitehouse Wyden

NAYS—19

Barrasso Johanns Rubio
Burr Johnson (WI) Scott
Coburn Lee Shelby
Crapo Moran Thune
Cruz Portman Vitter
Enzi Risch
Inhofe Roberts

NOT VOTING—4

Boozman Manchin
Isakson Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JAMES ALAN SOTO TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Soto nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

Mr. BLUNT. 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 155 Ex.]

YEAS—93

Alexander Cornyn Inhofe
Baldwin Crapo Johanns
Barrasso Cruz Johnson (SD)
Begich Donnelly Johnson (WI)
Bennet Durbin Kaine
Blumenthal Enzi King
Blunt Feinstein Kirk
Booker Fischer Klobuchar
Boxer Flake Landrieu
Brown Franken Leahy
Burr Graham Lee
Cantwell Graham Levin
Cardin Grassley Markey
Carper Hagan McCain
Casey Harkin McCaskill
Chambliss Hatch McConnell
Coats Heinrich Menendez
Cochran Heitkamp Merkley
Collins Heller Mikulski
Coons Hirono Murkowski
Corker Hoeven Murphy

Murray Sanders Toomey
Nelson Schatz Udall (CO)
Paul Schumer Udall (NM)
Portman Scott Vitter
Pryor Sessions Walsh
Reed Shaheen Warner
Reid Shelby Warren
Risch Stabenow Whitehouse
Roberts Tester Wicker
Rubio Thune Wyden

NAYS—1

Coburn

NOT VOTING—6

Ayotte Isakson Moran
Boozman Manchin Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote to invoke cloture on the Costa nomination.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The cloture motion having presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant bill 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 nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the 5th Circuit.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Robert Menendez, Christopher Murphy, Elizabeth Warren, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Cory A. Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, Charles E. Schumer, Edward J. Markey.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate on the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be the United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Ms. WARREN.) Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Ex.]

YEAS—58

Baldwin Gillibrand Murray
Begich Hagan Nelson
Bennet Harkin Pryor
Blumenthal Heinrich Reed
Booker Heitkamp Reid
Boxer Hirono Sanders
Brown Johnson (SD) Schatz
Cantwell Kaine Schumer
Cardin King Shaheen
Carper Klobuchar Stabenow
Casey Landrieu Tester
Collins Leahy Udall (CO)
Coons Levin Udall (NM)
Cornyn Markey Walsh
Cruz McCaskill Warner
Donnelly Menendez Warren
Durbin Merkley Whitehouse
Feinstein Mikulski Wyden
Flake Murkowski
Franken Murphy

NAYS—36

Alexander Graham Paul
Barrasso Grassley Portman
Blunt Hatch Risch
Burr Heller Roberts
Chambliss Hoeven Rubio
Coats Inhofe Scott
Coburn Johanns Sessions
Cochran Johnson (WI) Shelby
Corker Kirk Thune
Crapo Lee Toomey
Enzi McCain Vitter
Fischer McConnell Wicker

NOT VOTING—6

Ayotte Isakson Moran
Boozman Manchin Rockefeller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, the yeas are 58, the nays are 36. The motion is agreed to.

The Republican leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 3474

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, is the next vote in order on the underlying tax extender bill?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on amendment No. 3060 to the tax extenders bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Thank you, Madam President.

The American people actually need to know what is happening in their Senate. This body exists to ensure that the citizens of this country have a say in what our government does. The Senate is supposed to be the citadel of our democracy, the place where we guarantee that no one in the country is cut out of the legislative process. The whole purpose of this body is to make sure that nobody is left out or left behind.

Yet today we have a Democratic majority that has turned this body literally on its head. Instead of preserving the Senate's prerogatives, they have systematically weakened or destroyed them all together. They have turned the Senate into a graveyard of good ideas and open democratic debate.

It is a gag order on the American people we represent. Instead of robust, freewheeling debates about the important issues of the day, we get bizarre monologues about the Democrats' latest villain.