

CONCLUSION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF M. HANNAH LAUCK TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

NOMINATION OF LEO T. SOROKIN TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

NOMINATION OF RICHARD FRANKLIN BOULWARE II TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nominations of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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 M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher Murphy, Al Franken, Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Bill Nelson, Dianne Feinstein, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Harkin, Mazie K. Hirono.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of M. Hannah Lauck, of Virginia, to be United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Missouri

(Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 32, as follows:

(Rollcall Vote No. 176 Ex.)

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—32

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| Alexander | Cruz | McConnell |
| Ayotte | Enzi | Paul |
| Barrasso | Fischer | Portman |
| Blunt | Flake | Rubio |
| Boozman | Grassley | Scott |
| Burr | Hatch | Sessions |
| Coats | Heller | Shelby |
| Coburn | Hoeven | Thune |
| Corker | Inhofe | Toomey |
| Cornyn | Johanns | Wicker |
| Crapo | Lee | |

NOT VOTING—16

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| Begich | Landrieu | Risch |
| Cochran | McCain | Roberts |
| Graham | McCaskill | Schatz |
| Isakson | Moran | Vitter |
| Johnson (WI) | Murkowski | |
| Kirk | Murphy | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 32. The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the next two votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

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 nomination of Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher Murphy, Al Franken, Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Bill Nelson, Dianne Feinstein, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Harkin, Mazie K. Hirono.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Leo T. Sorokin, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) would have voted "nay."

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 33, as follows:

(Rollcall Vote No. 177 Ex.)

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—33

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| Alexander | Chambliss | Crapo |
| Barrasso | Coats | Cruz |
| Blunt | Coburn | Enzi |
| Boozman | Corker | Fischer |
| Burr | Cornyn | Flake |

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| Grassley | Lee | Scott |
| Hatch | McCain | Sessions |
| Heller | McConnell | Shelby |
| Hoeven | Paul | Thune |
| Inhofe | Portman | Toomey |
| Johanns | Rubio | Wicker |

NOT VOTING—15

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| Begich | Kirk | Murphy |
| Cochran | Landrieu | Risch |
| Graham | McCaskill | Roberts |
| Isakson | Moran | Schatz |
| Johnson (WI) | Murkowski | Vitter |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 52, the nays are 33. The motion is agreed to.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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 Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher Murphy, Al Franken, Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Bill Nelson, Dianne Feinstein, Elizabeth Warren, Tom Harkin, Mazie Hirono.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Richard Franklin Boulware II, of Nevada, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, 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 Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 178 Ex.]

YEAS—53

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| Ayotte | Blumenthal | Cantwell |
| Baldwin | Booker | Cardin |
| Bennet | Brown | Carper |

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| Casey | Kaine | Reid |
| Collins | King | Rockefeller |
| Coons | Klobuchar | Sanders |
| Donnelly | Leahy | Schumer |
| Durbin | Levin | Shaheen |
| Feinstein | Manchin | Stabenow |
| Franken | Markley | Tester |
| Gillibrand | Menendez | Udall (CO) |
| Hagan | Merkley | Udall (NM) |
| Harkin | Mikulski | Walsh |
| Heinrich | Murphy | Warner |
| Heitkamp | Murray | Warren |
| Heller | Nelson | Whitehouse |
| Hirono | Pryor | Wyden |
| Johnson (SD) | Reed | |

NAYS—34

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| Alexander | Enzi | McConnell |
| Barrasso | Fischer | Paul |
| Blunt | Flake | Portman |
| Boozman | Grassley | Rubio |
| Burr | Hatch | Scott |
| Chambliss | Hoeven | Sessions |
| Coats | Inhofe | Shelby |
| Coburn | Johanns | Thune |
| Corker | Johnson (WI) | Toomey |
| Cornyn | Kirk | Wicker |
| Crapo | Lee | |
| Cruz | McCain | |

NOT VOTING—13

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| Begich | Landrieu | Roberts |
| Boxer | McCaskill | Schatz |
| Cochran | Moran | Vitter |
| Graham | Murkowski | |
| Isakson | Risch | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 53, the nays are 34. The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Nevada.

VIOLENCE IN LAS VEGAS

Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, before I begin, I would like to take a moment to address the unsettling events that occurred yesterday when two members of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and an innocent civilian were victims of a terrible act of violence. While words offer little comfort at this difficult time, I would like to express my sincere condolences to the victims' families. The Las Vegas community is grateful to these police officers for their service and joins their families in mourning their loss. I would also like to thank the men and women of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department who sprung into action following the tragic events, even after losing members of the law enforcement community.

BOULWARE NOMINATION

With that said, Mr. President, I wish to speak in favor of a fellow Nevadan's nomination that is currently pending before this body; that is, the nomination of Richard Boulware to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Nevada.

One of the most important and unique responsibilities we hold as Members of the Senate is to provide for the advice and consent of the President's judicial nominations and subsequent confirmations.

I believe each judicial nominee who comes before this body must not only be qualified but also must demonstrate fairness and commitment to upholding the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

In Nevada, it is critical for us to work together to find qualified candidates who will uphold America's principles of impartiality under the law.

Richard Boulware is an excellent example of an accomplished nominee who should be confirmed on a bipartisan basis. I believe Mr. Boulware embodies the characteristics of a nominee who is prepared to serve and that he will make an excellent district court judge for the State of Nevada. After sitting down with him and discussing his nomination at length, I found him to be an extremely impressive nominee. A graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Boulware went on to earn his law degree from Columbia University. He currently serves as assistant Federal public defender for the District of Nevada in Las Vegas. He also has extensive experience arguing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This trial experience, coupled with his impressive academic accomplishments while clerking for the U.S. district courts, will serve him well on the bench. Outside of his professional duties, he currently serves his local school system as a member of the Superintendent's Educational Opportunities Advisory Committee.

I am glad to see the Senate moving forward with this nomination, and I look forward to voting tomorrow to confirm Mr. Boulware's nomination to the Federal bench in Nevada.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. MARKEY. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. INHOFE. Will the Senator yield for a unanimous consent request?

Mr. MARKEY. I will yield to the Senator.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion of the remarks of the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator WHITEHOUSE, and two or three others at his choosing, that I be recognized as in morning business for such time as I shall consume.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. It is not an objection at this point, but I think it is our understanding that the Senator from Oklahoma will speak for 20 to 30 minutes but that the time would revert to me at the conclusion of his remarks after 20 to 30 minutes. If that is an acceptable amendment to the unanimous consent request, then I will agree to it.

Mr. INHOFE. Let's just amend the Senator's amendment that it be 20 to 35 minutes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Perfect.

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

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Thank you, Mr. President.

We are at a very important historical juncture, where the science is now conclusive that in fact the planet is dangerously warming.

Since we last met on this floor a lot has happened. The global temperature