

does on other Republicans. You noticed how much energy leader McConnell devotes to attacking conservatives? You notice how much energy Speaker BOEHNER devotes to attacking conservatives? Just yesterday the Speaker of the House went on national television, and on national television he directed an obscene epithet at me personally. He is welcome to insult whomever he likes. I don't intend to reciprocate. But when has leadership ever shown that level of venom, that level of animosity to President Obama and the Democrats who are bankrupting this country, who are destroying the Constitution, who are endangering the future of our children and grandchildren, who are re-treating from leadership and the world, and who have created an environment that has led to the rise of radical Islamic terrorists?

One of the dynamics we have seen in fight after fight is that HARRY REID and the Democrats sit back and laugh. Why? Because it is Republican leadership that leads the onslaught, attacking conservatives, saying: No, you can't, and we will not do anything to stop ObamaCare. No, you can't, and we will not do anything to stop amnesty. No, you can't, and we will not do anything to stop Planned Parenthood. No, you can't, and we will not do anything to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

If Republican leadership really believes we can accomplish nothing, then why does it matter if you have a Republican House or Senate? Every 2 years come October, November, we tell the voters it matters intensely. To paraphrase the immortal words of Hillary Clinton, what difference does it make if the standard for Republican leadership is, anything that gets 67 votes we will support. That means HARRY REID and NANCY PELOSI remain the de facto leaders of the Senate and the House.

I would note, by the way, if leadership goes through with their suggestion to bust the budget caps, they will have done something astonishing. Historically, the three legs of the conservative stool have been fiscal conservatives, social conservatives, and national security conservatives. Between Planned Parenthood, Iran, and the budget caps, leadership will have managed to abandon all three. No wonder the American people are frustrated. No wonder the American people do not understand why leadership isn't listening to them.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's postcloture time has expired.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my time be extended.

The Democrats are objecting to my speaking further, and both the Democrats and Republican leadership are objecting to the American people speaking further.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of calendar Nos. 196 and 197 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President 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 nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment in the grade indicated in the United States Coast Guard as a member of the Coast Guard Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff under title 14, U.S.C., section 188:

To be lieutenant commander

Brian J. Maggi

The following named officers of the United States Coast Guard for appointment as members of the Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff and appointment in the grades indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 188:

To be commander

Anna W. Hickey

To be lieutenant

Kimberly C. Young-McLear

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN783 AIR FORCE nomination of Kyle J. Weld, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN804 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning KATHLEEN E. AKERS, and ending SAIPRASAD M. ZEMSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN806 AIR FORCE nominations (11) beginning PAUL R. BREZINSKI, and ending THOMAS E. WILLIFORD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN809 MR FORCE nominations (30) beginning DWAYNE A. BACA, and ending LIANA LUCAS VOGEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN812 AIR FORCE nominations (45) beginning RENI B. ANGELOVA, and ending GRANT W. WISNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN813 AIR FORCE nominations (101) beginning DAVID R. ALANIZ, and ending DEVON L. WENTZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN814 AIR FORCE nomination of John M. Gooch, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN815 AIR FORCE nomination of Herman W. Dykes, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

IN THE ARMY

PN785 ARMY nominations (259) beginning JONATHAN S. ACKISS, and ending D012659, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN786 ARMY nominations (357) beginning MICHAEL H. ADORJAN, and ending G010310, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN787 ARMY nominations (420) beginning MATTHEW T. ADAMCZYK, and ending D012593, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN788 ARMY nomination of Gregory I. Kelts, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN789 ARMY nominations (8) beginning STEPHEN H. COOPER, and ending DAVID G. WORTMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN790 ARMY nomination of Lesley A. Watts, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN818 ARMY nomination of Kirby R. Gross, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN819 ARMY nomination of Franchesca M. Desriviere, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN820 ARMY nomination of Jerry L. Tolbert, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN821 ARMY nomination of Christopher R. Forsythe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN822 ARMY nomination of Francis G. Maresco, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN851 ARMY nominations (258) beginning DAVID S. ABRAHAMS, and ending D012627, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN852 ARMY nominations (176) beginning STEPHANIE R. AHERN, and ending G010384, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN853 ARMY nominations (115) beginning CHRISTOPHER W. ABBOTT, and ending D011026, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN854 ARMY nomination of Neil I. Nelson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN855 ARMY nomination of Benjamin J. Bigelow, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

IN THE NAVY

PN791 NAVY nominations (7) beginning ENRIQUE R. ASUNCION, and ending TIMOTHY J. SAXON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN792 NAVY nominations (38) beginning CHRISTIAN J. AUGER, and ending CHESTER J. WYCKOFF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN793 NAVY nominations (44) beginning CARA M. ADDISON, and ending JOEL A. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN794 NAVY nominations (59) beginning OLUWAFADEKEMI N. ADEWETAN, and ending JUSTIN I. WATSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN795 NAVY nominations (89) beginning FREDERIC ALBESA, and ending FRANZ J. YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN796 NAVY nominations (92) beginning MARICAR S. ABERIN, and ending CARDIA M. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN797 NAVY nominations (104) beginning JAMES P. ADWELL, and ending MARESA C. J. ZENNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN798 NAVY nominations (203) beginning RICHARD R. ABITRIA, and ending DAVID J. ZELINSKAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN799 NAVY nomination of Michelle D. Carter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2015.

PN823 NAVY nomination of Regine Reimers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN824 NAVY nomination of Joel V. Finny, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN825 NAVY nomination of Ernest C. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN826 NAVY nomination of Natalia C. Henriquez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 9, 2015.

PN857 NAVY nominations (841) beginning WHITNEY A. ABRAHAM, and ending BETHANY R. ZMITROVICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN858 NAVY nominations (44) beginning REBECCA K. ADAMS, and ending MICHAEL L. ZUEHLKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN859 NAVY nominations (19) beginning CHRISTOPHER M. BADE, and ending CASANDRA M. SISTI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN860 NAVY nominations (15) beginning JAMIE P. DRAGE, and ending RICHARD M. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN861 NAVY nominations (15) beginning JASON M. BAUMAN, and ending MARK A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN862 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOSHUA A. AISEN, and ending SCOTT M. THORNBURY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN863 NAVY nominations (11) beginning RICHARD S. CHERNITZER, and ending BETH A. TEACH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN864 NAVY nominations (3) beginning NICHOLAS A. DENISON, and ending THEO-

DORE J. STOW, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN865 NAVY nominations (168) beginning TRAVIS C. ADAMS, and ending ANTONIO ZUBIA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN866 NAVY nominations (57) beginning MICHAEL K. ALLEN, and ending JERRY W. WYRICK, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN867 NAVY nominations (52) beginning BRIELLE L. ADAMOVICH, and ending RICHARD S. ZIBA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN868 NAVY nominations (38) beginning GILBERT R. BAUGHN, and ending SERGIO B. WOODEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

PN869 NAVY nomination of Gregory A. Grubbs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 16, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club.

The Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club was established in 1965 and encompasses Clark, Lincoln, Nye, Esmerelda, and White Pine Counties. During that time, its membership has helped shape Nevada's future by honoring the pristine beauty of Nevada.

Today, Nevadans and visitors from around the country travel to southern Nevada to see the life, history, and culture of the Silver State. The Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club has worked tirelessly to protect places, such as the Great Basin National Park, the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area, the Sloan Canyon and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Areas, and the recently designated Tule Springs Fossil Beds and Basin and Range National Monuments. These special places have inspired tens of millions of people and will continue to inspire our children and grandchildren. The Sierra Club has also been key to the protection of millions of acres of pristine landscapes as wilderness in southern and eastern Nevada. Today, the Sierra Club's dedication to Nevada

continues in its efforts to protect treasured sites that highlight Nevada's unique geological and cultural history, including Gold Butte.

These wonderful parts of Nevada are owned by everyone, and their protection has helped solidify Nevada's status as a world class destination. The progress the Southern Nevada Group has made to protect these wonderful parts of Nevada continues through its work to fully realize Nevada's clean energy potential. These efforts notably began with opposition to the construction of new coal plants in White Pine County. More recently, the Southern Nevada Group teamed with the Moapa Band of Paiutes and others to support meaningful legislation that resulted in the closure of the Reid-Gardner coal plant and its replacement with clean energy.

I have been gratified to work with the Southern Nevada Group on so many of these efforts and was honored earlier this year to receive the Sierra Club's Edgar Wayburn Award. I commend the Southern Nevada Group of the Sierra Club on their 50 years of success and wish the organization continued success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH BIRTHDAY OF MILLER BREWING

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, as the son of a former general manager of a brewery and a loyal customer I wish to acknowledge the founding of a true American success story, Miller Brewing, and to congratulate it on the occasion of its historic 160th anniversary celebration.

In 1855, just a few years after Wisconsin joined the Union, 30-year old Frederick J. Miller brought his brewing passion from his native Germany to the United States, taking over what was then the Plank Road Brewery in Milwaukee. Now, 160 years later, Milwaukee is known worldwide as Brew City, and the company he founded is celebrating the accomplishments of this young, brash entrepreneurial brewmaster who turned a pocketful of yeast into a global beer brewing icon. From its founding, through its expansions and partnerships, Miller Brewing has become a quintessential success story, having forever woven itself into the fabric of American society and culture.

As Miller Brewing celebrates its 160th anniversary, guests from around the world have come to Milwaukee to hear and read stories of a young Frederick Miller. Each week the company is highlighting a different era from Miller's storied past, and visitors to the historic Miller Valley plant can even taste a sample of 1855 celebration Lager during brewery tours. Earlier this month, I toured Miller's Milwaukee brewery and enjoyed some of the same sights and smells I experienced as a young boy hanging around