

The motion was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 23, Daniel Coats to be Director of National Intelligence.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

The 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

Mitch McConnell, Michael B. Enzi, David Perdue, Bob Corker, John Hoeven, Lamar Alexander, Bill Cassidy, John Barrasso, Dan Sullivan, Tim Scott, James Lankford, Tom Cotton, Mike Rounds, James M. Inhofe, Chuck Grassley, Roy Blunt, Richard Burr.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 19, Herbert R. McMaster, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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

The 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

John McCain, Roger F. Wicker, John Hoeven, David Perdue, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Ben Sasse, Tom Cotton, Mike Rounds, Mitch McConnell, Thom Tillis, James Lankford, Richard Burr, Marco Rubio, Jerry Moran, Richard C. Shelby, James E. Risch.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls be waived.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

DISAPPROVING A RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to H.J. Res. 42.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants.

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING MILTON METZ

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a legend in broadcasting. For decades, radio listeners in Kentucky and across the eastern United States tuned in to hear Milton Metz. El Metz, as he was affectionately known, passed away in January of this year at the age of 95.

Known for his show, "Metz Here," Milton provided fair and well-informed news for thousands of listeners. In his time at WHAS radio in Louisville, KY, Milton almost became part of listeners' families. During his years on the air, he covered a wide variety of topics and helped his listeners sort out the issues of the day.

Like so many other Kentuckians, I grew up tuning into Milton's shows. When I first ran for Jefferson County judge/executive, I appeared on his

show. We talked about the issues in my campaign, and although he asked tough questions, he was always fair. Milton welcomed differing opinions and treated his guests and callers with civility. He became a staple of political campaigns, and I appeared on his show multiple times in my campaigns for the U.S. Senate.

Milton represented a different age of diplomatic and gracious programming that listeners of all opinions and interests listened to and trusted. He also made a name for himself covering the Kentucky Derby. Frequently appearing in "Millionaires Row," Milton interviewed celebrities and guests who came to Louisville for the "Fastest Two Minutes in Sports." In 1989, he was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, an honor he surely deserved.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and career of Milton Metz, a true radio pioneer. He earned great acclaim in Kentucky and across the Nation, and his legacy will not soon be forgotten.

The Courier-Journal published an article on Milton Metz's career. I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Courier-Journal, Jan. 12, 2017]
LOCAL RADIO LEGEND MILTON METZ DEAD AT 95

(By Andrew Wolfson)

Milton Metz, a pioneer in broadcasting in Louisville and the longtime host of the talk show "Metz Here" on WHAS Radio, died Thursday, according to former colleagues Wayne Perkey and Terry Meiners.

He was 95 and died at Magnolia Springs, a senior living facility, Perkey said.

"El Metz," as he was affectionately known, began at the station in 1946. "Metz Here" debuted July 30, 1959, with the title "Juniper 5-2385," after its phone number, and ended on June 10, 1993.

"Every time Milton Metz clicked on the mic, people across middle America were guaranteed wit, wisdom, and balance," Meiners said.

"On or off the air, Milton was first and foremost a gentleman, bringing grace and intellect into a sometimes inelegant media landscape," Meiners said. "Rest easy, brother. You blazed a beautiful trail and we shall follow."

Perkey said Metz was a role model and father figure for a younger generation of broadcasters that included Meiners, Perkey and Jack Fox.

"He was not afraid to ask difficult questions, but he tried to be fair," Perkey said. "He had a great wit and he showed it. I loved him because he was Milton."

Bob Johnson, a retired political reporter on WHAS Radio and TV, said that unlike contemporary talk radio, his show never featured "talking heads shouting at each other."

"He had a sweet, gentle nature and his graciousness carried over into his work on the air," said Johnson, later a Courier-Journal reporter. "I was very fond of him."

Perry Metz said his father enjoyed "a good joke, a long conversation and listening to different points of view."

"If civility is old-fashioned, you could say he was old-fashioned," said the younger

Metz, who followed in his father's footsteps and now runs public radio and TV stations at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Metz could be serious on the air but at a roast held when he retired he recalled how a publicity agent had called plugging his client's appearance.

"She's written 'Why Diets Don't Work,'" the agent said. "But if that doesn't appeal to you, we could talk about her new book, 'The One-Hour Orgasm.'"

He also carefully guarded his age.

In an interview with Courier-Journal columnist Torn Dorsey in 1993, he would only say, "Let's just say I'm older than Diane Sawyer and younger than Mike Wallace." Wallace was 75 at the time.

Sportscasting legend Cawood Ledford, who spent 22 years at WHAS with Metz, once recalled that when Metz started his program back in the 1950s the dial was full of talk shows.

Ledford joked that he would like to say that Metz's popularity drove the other shows off the air, but the truth was that Metz simply outlived them all.

He was born in Cleveland to a Russian-born father and English-born mother and started his radio career in the 1930s in Cleveland after graduating from Ohio State University.

After serving in the army in World War II, he joined the staff at WHAS radio in 1946. The same year, Milton began recording Talking Books at American Printing House for the Blind.

"Metz Here" became the longest-running show in Louisville and one of the longest-running in the country. On WHAS-TV, he co-hosted and co-produced "Omelet," a talk and interview program for nine years and was the Channel 11 weatherman for 19 years.

He also interviewed countless celebrities on the first Saturday in May during WHAS-TV's traditional marathon pre-race show before the Kentucky Derby, where he was a fixture on "Millionaire's Row."

Metz was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 1989.

Joe Elliott, who took over Metz' time slot after he Metz retired, said that Metz was a legend, not only in Kentucky but to listeners through the Midwest and up and down the East Coast, who caught his show on WHAS's 50,000-watt clear channel transmitter.

"What I loved about Milton was that he was a master at everything he did," Elliott said.

Elliott and Perkey said Metz would record shows in the afternoon on WHAS-FM, then a classical station, then do a daily business report on WHAS-AM, then the weather for TV, then his talk show, then the 11 p.m. news on television.

"He did everything and anything he needed to do," said Elliott.

Perry Metz said his father was pained by the coarseness of contemporary talk radio.

"Anyone who listened to 'Metz Here' knew it was a show based on listeners, not him," Perry Metz said. "You could listen to him for years and not know his views."

"People would call him from across the country and across the political spectrum because they knew they could speak their piece and he wouldn't try to show them up or embarrass them."

REMEMBERING A. DUANE SCHWARTZ

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of a devoted public servant, A. Duane Schwartz, who passed away earlier this year.

Duane was widely admired for his strong fidelity to the law and his dedi-

cation to justice. For 20 years, he served the Western District of Kentucky as the head of the criminal division of the U.S. attorney's office and, during that time, successfully prosecuted the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisville. He also helped end what was then the largest methamphetamine lab in the Midwest. Duane fought for justice and left his community better than he found it.

He also worked to keep government accountable to the people. As a leader in Operation Boptrot, Duane led the undercover investigation against and eventual conviction of many State legislators for taking bribes.

Duane earned the praise of multiple U.S. attorneys under whom he worked and was awarded the Justice Department's Special Achiever Award by Attorney General Janet Reno in 1999.

I was proud to know Duane as a classmate in law school. Even back then, he was known for his integrity, commitment, and warmth. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Ann, and I would ask all of my colleagues here to join me in honoring this distinguished servant of the law.

The Courier-Journal published an article on Duane's career. I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Courier-Journal, Jan 11, 2017]

VETERAN PROSECUTOR A. DUANE SCHWARTZ
DIES

(By Andrew Wolfson)

A. Duane Schwartz, who supervised the prosecution of public corruption probe Operation Boptrot as the longtime head of the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's office in Louisville, died Saturday at his home. He was 74.

Schwartz was diagnosed seven years ago with Alzheimer's disease, according to his daughter, Jennifer Scutchfield, an attorney and city council member in Lexington.

During two separate tenures in the office, Schwartz successfully prosecuted the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisville as well as defendants responsible for the then-largest methamphetamine lab in the Midwest, according to a citation from the Justice Department.

He led the prosecution of Boptrot, the undercover investigation that resulted in conviction of more than a dozen state legislators from 1992 to 1995 for taking bribes and other inducements.

More recently, in 1999, he tried and convicted Brennan Callan for partially sinking the Belle of Louisville, winning a 30-month sentence and an order for \$987,000 in restitution.

Former U.S. Attorney Joe Whittle in an interview Wednesday called Schwartz "an all-American guy" and one of the best prosecutors he ever worked with.

"I valued his counsel on whether to prosecute or not," Whittle said. "He was a moral man."

John Kuhn, the current U.S. attorney, said in a statement that Schwartz was "universally recognized as an outstanding prosecutor, a sage leader, and a warm, faithful, loving friend. Duane elevated the quality of our work and strengthened our commitment to justice."

Schwartz ran track and played basketball, baseball and football at Atherton High School, and despite a car accident that he later said ruined his knees, he was recruited by several universities before deciding on the University of Kentucky, where his father wanted him to go so he could see him play.

But coach Blanton Collier left after Schwartz's freshman year and his successor, Charlie Bradshaw, "turned football into a nightmare," Schwartz said years later when he was honored by Atherton. His experience is cited in author Shannon Ragland's "The Thin Thirty: The Untold Story of Brutality, Scandal and Redemption Schwartz's for Charlie Bradshaw's 1962 Kentucky Football Team." Schwartz switched to baseball, won a scholarship and lettered in the sport for three years.

After graduating from UK's law school in 1967, he returned to Louisville, where he was general counsel for Tube Turns, served from 1971 as a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office, and then left to work for 10 years as regional counsel for the U.S. Postal Service. He returned to the U.S. attorney's office where he was chief of the criminal section for 20 years until his retirement in 2004.

He was honored by Attorney General Janet Reno for superior service in 1999 and also won the Justice Department's special achiever award.

REMEMBERING DR. DAVID STEVENS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Dr. David Stevens, a tireless advocate for public health in Kentucky who passed away at the age of 87. He dedicated his life to serving others, and he leaves behind a legacy of vision and leadership.

For 16 years, David served in the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. As a councilmember, he was a leading voice and advocate to make his community a healthier place to live.

Before his service in local government, David was an orthopedic surgeon. His career included two decades as the chief of staff of Shriners' Hospital for Children, an international nonprofit that provides healthcare to children, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

In 1968, he helped found the Central Kentucky Blood Center to help hospitals across Kentucky have reliable access to blood from donors. The center has grown over the years, and it has become a local partner in healthcare across the Commonwealth.

David served on numerous other boards and commissions, all of which support the health, culture, and prosperity of the region. He also passed his expertise on to the next generation by mentoring in medicine, public service, and philanthropy.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, David was known as a well-rounded gentleman with a dry wit. At the age of 83, he hiked a 60-mile journey through Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico with his son and 15-year-old grandson.

The University of Kentucky honored him with the Honorary Alumnus Award, and DePauw University awarded him the Old Gold Goblet for professional achievement and service.