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The nomination was confirmed.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to table the motion to reconsider.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 34, Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General.

## CLOTURE MOTION

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

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

The senior 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Mitch McConnell, John Boozman, Jeff Flake, Thom Tillis, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, John Barrasso, Chuck Grassley, Mike Rounds, John Kennedy, John Thune, Pat Roberts, James E. Risch, Orrin G. Hatch, Shelley Moore Capito, Lindsey Graham, John Cornyn.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the cloture motion be waived and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote on the nomination occur following disposition of the Perdue nomination on Monday, April 24.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Iowa.

## THANKING STAFF

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, there are some people who need to have a thank-you for what we just completed here—people who hardly ever get any attention. So I will take a couple of minutes to express my appreciation to some of the staff who worked on this Supreme Court nomination.

The staff for both the majority and minority put in a lot of hours and reviewed a lot of material. Their work ensured that the hearing we held for Judge Gorsuch went smoothly and was fair to all of the Members. Our staff reviewed all of the 2,700 cases Judge Gorsuch participated in as well as 180,000 pages of documents that were produced by the Department of Justice and the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum that were related to that nomination.

First, on my staff, I would like to recognize my Judiciary Committee staff director, Kolan Davis. Mr. Davis has been with me for 31 years, and I always value his wise counsel.

I thank, as well, my personal office chief of staff, Jill Kozeny, who has been with me for 27 years.

My deputy staff director is Rita Lari, and my chief nominations counsel is right here at my side, Ted Lehman.

I would also like to thank counsels Megan Lacy, Lauren Mehler, Kasey O'Connor, and Katharine Willey. Each of them worked incredibly hard.

Also on the team were several special counsels who joined the staff to work on this important nomination. They are Dan Guarnera, Bill Lane, Katie Roholt, and Carol Szurkowski.

Every one of these talented lawyers played a very important role, and I think every member of the Senate Judiciary Committee benefited from their wise counsel throughout this confirmation process.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Ranking Member FEINSTEIN, the Senator from California. The ranking member and her staff approached this process seriously from the very beginning. So I want to thank her staff for all the work they have put into preparing for the hearing and the debate, both in committee and here on the floor.

Thank you to her staff director, Jennifer Duck, and several of the other lawyers on her staff who, I know, put a lot of time into ensuring that the hearing was a success. They include Paige Herwig, Nazneen Mehta, and Chan Park.

I am also thankful for my very talented press team, Beth Levine and Taylor Foy, and for Jen Heins for keeping me on schedule, as well as for my personal office staff and the rest of the Judiciary Committee staff who took care of things while I was on the floor and during the long hours in the hearing.

I also deeply appreciate the work of Senator MCCONNELL's staff who was constantly in contact with my staff—most importantly John Abegg.

The people I mentioned bore the bulk of the workload and labored tirelessly night after night, day after day, and nonstop through the weekends. They deserve our recognition as a tribute to their hard work, professionalism, and dedication to public service.

Finally, my thanks to the Judiciary Committee's chief clerk, Roslyne Turner, and her team, Michelle Heller and Jason Covey.

All of these staff members contributed to this process, and we would not have been able to conduct such a fair and thorough hearing without their hard work and their professionalism. To each of them, I extend a heartfelt thanks, and if I left anybody out, I will buy them a Dairy Queen.

Mr. President, finally, my wife Barbara is in the Capitol today. As always, I thank her for her support and partnership for more than 62 years.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

## CONFIRMATION OF NEIL GORSUCH

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I thank the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the work he carried out over the past several months as this nomination proceeded.

Mostly, I want to congratulate Judge Neil Gorsuch on his confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

While people in this Chamber voted yea or nay—some voted yes and some voted no—we all recognize the heavy obligation that now falls on the shoulders of Judge Gorsuch as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

We will lean on Judge Gorsuch to make sure our Constitution is enforced. The American people will lean on Judge Gorsuch to make sure justice is dispensed impartially, with equality—that justice is indeed blind.

To Judge Gorsuch and his family, congratulations.

To the people of this Chamber who worked so hard over the past several weeks and months to assure this moment happened, thank you.

To the great State of Colorado, it is an honor to have a fourth-generation Coloradan—a man of the West, with grit and determination—join the Nation's High Court.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GARDNER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMENDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Mr. SASSE. Mr. President, I would like to add my voice to yours in commending the chairman of the Judiciary

Committee, the Senator from Iowa, for the honorable, principled, and commonsense way in which he led this committee through the last number of weeks and months as he shepherded through this body the confirmation of Judge—on Monday, Justice—Gorsuch.

The chairman from Iowa is a special man, and the 100 of us—or the 99 of us—who are privileged and blessed to serve with him know he is the model of how to conduct oneself honorably in this job, and America will benefit from Judge Gorsuch's joining the Court.

I add my voice to those commending the senior Senator from Iowa for the way he has helped shepherd this body.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE). The majority leader.

CONGRATULATING NEIL GORSUCH AND THANKING THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I am proud to say the Senate has now confirmed Judge Neil Gorsuch as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court. I want to congratulate Judge Gorsuch on this significant achievement. I look forward to observing his good work in the years to come.

The confirmation process was certainly a significant undertaking—one that would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of so many. I would like to take a moment to recognize them now.

First, I would like to thank the man who made this moment possible by sending us this outstanding nominee. He is our President, Donald Trump. This has been one of the most transparent judicial nomination processes anybody can remember, and President Trump should be commended for his efforts.

I also appreciate the role Vice President PENCE played in moving this nomination forward as well as the outstanding work of the White House staff, led by Don McGahn, and for the wise counsel they provided throughout this process.

Of course, we all know how tirelessly our dear friend Senator GRASSLEY has worked in leading the Judiciary Committee through this process. He has been an unwavering leader, though we know it has not always been easy. Chairman GRASSLEY worked long and hard to ensure this process ran efficiently, to give Members on both sides ample opportunity to review the nomination, to see that the nominee was treated respectfully, and, ultimately, to help bring this well-qualified jurist over the finish line.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention the work of the Judiciary Committee collectively for its time and effort as well. I am referring to members of the committee, and I am referring to Chairman GRASSLEY's excellent Judiciary staff as well. They were critical to this effort.

Specifically, I thank the following: Staff Director Kolan Davis, Chief Nominations Counsel Ted Lehman, Communications Director Beth Levine,

Megan Lacy, Lauren Mehler, Kasey O'Connor, Katharine Willey, Bill Lane, Carol Szurkowski, Dan Guarnera, and Katie Roholt.

To that end, I would also like to acknowledge our former colleague Kelly Ayotte. From dozens of meetings with Senators to lengthy days-long hearings, she helped to ensure that this process ran as smoothly as possible, and she did so with a sense of grace that we all came to know when she was one of our colleagues.

Similarly, I want to recognize several White House Legislative Affairs staff who helped guide Judge Gorsuch through this process, including Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Marc Short, and Amy Swonger.

There are several others I would like to thank as well.

To the floor staff, Laura Dove, Robert Duncan, and their team, thank you for keeping the floor running smoothly and guiding us through Senate procedure. You all do incredible work and very difficult work, and you make it look effortless during each and every time.

To the folks who keep our institution running—the Parliamentarians, the clerks, the reporters of debates, the doorkeepers, Capitol Police, and numerous others who have sacrificed and worked long—often grueling—hours, thank you for everything you do and for always doing it with a smile.

Of course, I would also like to thank my Republican colleagues for their months of hard work. It has been a winding and sometimes bumpy road, but together we were able to confirm a judge who, I believe, will serve his country very well.

In particular, let me thank Republican whip, JOHN CORNYN, and his team, led by Monica Popp, for their efforts. Theirs is certainly not an easy job, but it is a necessary one.

There are a few others I could not leave today without mentioning.

To each and every member of my own staff, I want to express my sincere appreciation. There are almost too many names to mention, but, if I may, I would like to acknowledge a few individuals who have been particular assets through this entire process.

My chief of staff, Sharon Soderstrom, led our team through this lengthy and arduous confirmation process while balancing a never-ending list of demands. She has been a constant source of support and, as always, an indisputable and fearless leader.

Sharon, I am immensely grateful to you for being at the helm of my leadership office.

My deputy chief, Don Stewart—"Stew" as we like to call him—always knows exactly what to say or not to say, as the case may be. He has been a critical member of the team in charting the way forward and in helping convey our efforts to the American people.

Stew, thank you for your discerning advice and, yes, for your good humor as well.

My policy director, Hazen Marshall, has steered our policy objectives forward, balancing numerous legislative items and making it look effortless along the way.

So thanks, Hazen, for your sound counsel and for driving the train forward on so many different issues.

To my counsel, John Abegg, where do I begin? John has been an invaluable member of my team, a guiding source of wisdom, and a driving force in bringing Judge Gorsuch over the finish line. He has put in countless hours and has never stopped working, even in the most trying of times.

John, literally, this moment would not have been possible without you.

I know there are many others whom I wasn't able to name right now, but I want them to know we recognize their efforts, and we are immeasurably grateful for the work they do.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL OSSEN D'HAITI

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the life and service of Col. Ossen D'Haiti, who is retiring from Active Duty in the U.S. Marine Corps after 27 years.

From an early age, he felt called to military service and attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. As an engineering cadet, he sailed abroad on four ocean-going vessels with port calls in Egypt, Israel, Greece, Italy, Spain, Germany, Holland, and England. In 1990, he graduated Kings Point with a bachelor of science in marine engineering and a U.S. Coast Guard third assistant engineer's license.

Commissioned as a Marine Corps officer, Colonel D'Haiti spent the next 27 years as an AV-8B Harrier pilot, completing notable assignments both in and out of the cockpit. He has deployed with aviation detachments aboard the USS *Nassau*, LHA-41, and the USS *Bonhomme Richard*, LHD-6, and has flown over 150 combat missions during Operations Joint Endeavor and Guardian Retrieval in 1996, Operations Enduring Freedom and Anaconda in 2002,