

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, Johnny Isakson, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, Cory Gardner, John Cornyn, Marco Rubio, Roy Blunt, Mike Crapo, Richard Burr, John Boozman, John Thune, Thom Tillis, James Lankford, Jeff Flake, Mike Rounds.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions be waived.

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

The Senator from Washington.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of a bill, which is at the desk, that provides alternative minimum funding rules for certain single-employer plans maintained by a community newspaper; that the bill be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The President pro tempore.

Mr. HATCH. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, the legislation in question makes a significant change to the pension funding rule, but it is narrowly written to only address issues concerning a single retirement plan. There are a number of companies that have similar funding issues which are not addressed by my colleague's proposal.

I appreciate the work that my colleague Senator MURRAY has done on this issue, and I appreciate that there is ongoing bipartisan work on issues that her legislation addresses as well as on other issues surrounding retirement plans.

The committees with jurisdiction over these issues, including the Finance Committee, continue to work on bipartisan solutions that have not fully vetted the matter that my friend Senator MURRAY is putting forth today. Until they do so, it is not appropriate to move this measure forward. Therefore, I respectfully object to this unanimous consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The President pro tempore.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 621, 789, 790, 774, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 784, 785, 786, 787, 821, 773, 775, and 776.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Yleem D.S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance); Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, 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 South Sudan; Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs); Kenneth Steven Barbic, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Timothy A. Garrison, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years; Kenji M. Price, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years; John Cary Bittick, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years; David L. Lyons, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years; Rodney D. Ostermiller, of Montana, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana for the term of four years; Nicola T. Hanna, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years; Steven L. Gladden, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years; Brendan O. Heffner, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years; Theodor G. Short, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of four years; Jon Parrish Peede, of Mississippi, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years; Hannibal Ware, of the Vir-

gin Islands, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration; Joseph L. Falvey, Jr., of Michigan, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years; and Paul R. Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 607. I ask consent that there then be 10 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form and that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 791 through 820 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed; that 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. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment as the Surgeon General of the Air Force and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 8036 and 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Dorothy A. Hogg

##### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Richard P. Snyder

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be admiral*

Vice Adm. John C. Aquilino

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. Charles A. Richard

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Gregory N. Todd

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. John S. Lemmon

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Ronald C. Copley

Rear Adm. (lh) Kathleen M. Creighton

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Brian K. Corey

Rear Adm. (lh) Lorin C. Selby

Rear Adm. (lh) Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment as Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 5149:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Darse E. Crandall

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Kristen B. Fabry

Capt. Joseph D. Noble, Jr.

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Heidi K. Berg

Capt. Michael A. Brookes

Capt. William E. Chase, III

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. John J. Adametz

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Thomas J. Anderson

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. James A. Aiken

Capt. Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr.

Capt. Craig A. Clapperton

Capt. Keith B. Davids

Capt. Joseph A. Diguardo, Jr.

Capt. Leonard C. Dollaga

Capt. Christopher S. Gray

Capt. John E. Gumbleton

Capt. James A. Kirk

Capt. Timothy J. Kott

Capt. Fredrick R. Luchtman

Capt. Brendan R. McLane

Capt. Scott W. Pappano

Capt. Ryan B. Scholl

Capt. Lance G. Scott

Capt. Philip E. Sobeck

Capt. John D. Spencer

Capt. Douglas C. Verissimo

Capt. George M. Wikoff

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Michael T. Gerock

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Fogarty

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army Medical Service Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Raymond S. Dingle

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Francis M. Beaudette

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Eugene J. LeBoeuf

Brig. Gen. Stephen E. Strand

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Aida T. Borrás

Col. Vincent E. Buggs

Col. Barry E. Edberg

Col. Cheryn L. Fasano

Col. Stephen Iacovelli

Col. Isaac Johnson, Jr.

Col. James J. Kokaska, Jr.

Col. Joseph M. Lestorti

Col. Edward H. Merrigan, Jr.

Col. Michael D. Roache

Col. Beth A. Salisbury

Col. Charles S. Sentell, III

Col. Jamelle C. Shawley

Col. Robert E. Suter

## IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be admiral*

Adm. Philip S. Davidson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. David M. Kriete

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Michelle C. Skubic

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Eugene H. Black, III

Rear Adm. (lh) William D. Byrne, Jr.

Rear Adm. (lh) Marc H. Dalton

Rear Adm. (lh) John V. Fuller

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Holland

Rear Adm. (lh) Hugh W. Howard, III

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey W. Hughes

Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas E. Ishee

Rear Adm. (lh) Roy I. Kitchener

Rear Adm. (lh) Stephen T. Koehler

Rear Adm. (lh) Samuel J. Paparo, Jr.

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey E. Trussler

Rear Adm. (lh) William W. Wheeler, III

Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth R. Whitesell

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 5142:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Rear Adm. (lh) Brent W. Scott

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Darin K. Via

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Michael G. Dana

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. David H. Berger

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Stephen E. Liszewski

Col. Lorna M. Mahlock

Col. David L. Odom

Col. Arthur J. Pasagian

Col. Sean M. Salene

Col. Kevin J. Stewart

Col. William H. Swan

Col. Calvert L. Worth, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Charles G. Chiarotti

## NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

## IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1597 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning RICHARD G. ANDERSON, and ending JOEL K. WARREN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2018.

PN1600 AIR FORCE nominations (14) beginning RONNELLE ARMSTRONG, and ending JOHN MARION VON ALMEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2018.

PN1601 AIR FORCE nominations (51) beginning ALISON LEE BEACH, and ending COURTNEY LYNN ZUERCHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2018.

PN1788 AIR FORCE nominations (65) beginning MICHAEL J. ABBOTT, and ending DAVID RUSSELL WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

#### IN THE ARMY

PN1753 ARMY nomination of Tia W. Caphart, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1754 ARMY nomination of Napoleon A. Campos, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1755 ARMY nomination of Kevin R. Embry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1756 ARMY nomination of Andrew J. Furjanic, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1757 ARMY nomination of Daniel L. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1758 ARMY nomination of John M. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2018.

PN1789 ARMY nomination of Roberto Soriano Olivares, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1790 ARMY nomination of Jason Palatas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1791 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JOSE R. REVELES, JR., and ending KENNETH J. STRAUSS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1792 ARMY nomination of D012279, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1793 ARMY nomination of Russell B. Gilliland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1794 ARMY nomination of Erik M. Bauer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1795 ARMY nomination of Lawrence W. Henry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1796 ARMY nomination of Kenneth A. Willeford, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1797 ARMY nomination of D012941, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1798 ARMY nomination of Roxanne T. Sickles, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

PN1814 ARMY nomination of James F. Huggins, II, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 10, 2018.

PN1817 ARMY nomination of Denny L. Rozenberg, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 10, 2018.

#### IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1436—2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Robert F. Grech, which was received by

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2018.

PN1634 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Karen S. Sliter, and ending Elia P. Vanechanos, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2018.

PN1742 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Tuyvan Nguyen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2018.

PN1744—1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (106) beginning Benjamin Thomas Ardell, and ending Alexander Zvinakis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2018.

PN1745 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Abigail Marie Nguema, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2018.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1590 MARINE CORPS nomination of Douglas R. Burian, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 2018.

PN1799 MARINE CORPS nomination of Chad R. Fitzgerald, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2018.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN1276 NAVY nomination of Edward M. Crossman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1741 NAVY nominations (11) beginning NANA K. APPIAWIAH, and ending AUSTIN R. YOUNGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2018.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

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

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

### TRIBUTE TO HOLLY CHRISTENSEN AND BREE HITCHCOCK

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, it is Thursday. As you know, I like to come to the floor, and a lot of the time, my colleague from Louisiana is actually in the Chair, so he gets to hear a lot about the great State of Alaska. I like to come to the floor to talk about someone in my State who has done an amazing job either for their community or the State or even the country. We call this person our Alaskan of the Week. I know, for the pages, it is their favorite time in the Senate because they get to learn all about what is going on in Alaska. A lot of people watching or watching on TV have found a lot of interest in this because, like every Senator here, I certainly think I come from the best State in the country. It is beautiful right now. I really want to invite everybody who is

in the Gallery or watching on TV to come up to Alaska and visit. It will be the trip of a lifetime. I promise.

Yet what makes my State truly great is the people, not just the majestic mountains and the beauty and the wildlife but the people—strong, kind, caring people who band together—let's face it—in a State with some extreme environment. Oftentimes, they band together in creative ways.

I would like to introduce today our Alaskans of the Week—Holly Christensen, from Palmer, AK, and Bree Hitchcock, who lives in Anchorage, AK. Both of these incredible women have spent countless hours helping thousands of children in Alaska and, really, across America—children who need help and care and love. They have been helping children who are suffering from cancer. This is a really incredible story. It is one of these stories that, I think, most people love to hear about because it starts with just an idea—a little movement, a spark—that turns into something big unexpectedly. It is a pebble in a pond that creates ripples that turn into waves.

This incredible story starts when Holly, an oncology nurse with three young children of her own, received news that Lilly, who was a child of one of her former classmates, was diagnosed with cancer. Lilly is young girl, and she is going through treatment—chemo. Holly knew this would be a difficult time for Lilly or for any kid who was working through the difficulties associated with cancer. Of course, a lot of times with chemo that means losing your hair. It is especially difficult for a young girl.

Holly had an idea. Why not crochet a wig for Lilly with soft yarn that made her look like a princess? So she did that. She found some soft yarn. She crocheted a whimsical wig with long, branded strands of yellow yarn, decorated with blue and red flowers, modeled after the hair of the Disney character Rapunzel. She gave this to Lilly, and this wig brightened this little girl's day during a very difficult, dark time. She was able to twirl around in a dress with her Rapunzel braid. She was able, in many ways, to be a kid again and get out of the darkness and difficulty and pain of the cancer treatments.

Then something really remarkable happened. Lilly and her parents were so happy with the wig that Holly got some friends together, and they began to make a few more wigs and then a few more—a dozen or so—for more children in Alaska who were suffering from cancer. They were wigs that were all modeled after Disney characters.

That is where Bree comes in. She is from Anchorage. She heard about Holly's project through Facebook, and she began to volunteer. Soon, they were making and distributing hundreds of wigs out of Holly's one-car garage in Palmer, AK. Eventually, they started a nonprofit organization called the