

Tillis	Warner	Wyden
Toomey	Warren	Young
Udall	Whitehouse	
Van Hollen	Wicker	

## NOT VOTING—9

Blunt	Graham	Lee
Cruz	Heller	Manchin
Duckworth	Lankford	McCain

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

## RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

## TRIBUTE TO JOHN MCCAIN

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I had an opportunity yesterday to visit our friend JOHN MCCAIN. It was in a beautiful location, Sedona. It is about a 2-hour drive from Phoenix.

JOHN and Cindy and I had a chance to sit on the back porch and reminisce about our friendship and all we had shared over the last 30 years. We had some laughs. We mainly reminisced about the battles. Sometimes we were on the same side, and sometimes we were not. Yet one thing about our colleague JOHN MCCAIN is you would rather be on his side than not. For 10 years, we had a very vigorous debate about an issue he and I both cared about, and we were on opposite sides. It ended up going all the way to the Supreme Court. He won and I lost, and we worked hard to establish a new relationship after that vigorous battle of a decade.

We all know his story all too well—that of a genuine American hero. We admire the tenacity and the grit it took to survive those 5½ years in the Hanoi Hilton and the way he refused to go home early, as he certainly could have, given the prominence of his father's position in the Navy. It is pretty hard to think of any serious issues that face our Nation without recalling the role JOHN played in so many things that are important to our country.

Over the last few years, I am sure the Presiding Officer would agree with me that we saw him as the shadow Secretary of State during the Obama years as he traveled the world—sometimes on a long weekend—to some of the least desirable places to visit. I avoided those trips, but for those who took them, it was a little bit like the Bataan Death March. Junkets they were not. He was an important foreign policy and defense voice for our country. He was also passionate in working to

take better care of our veterans. No one, with the possible exception of Senator ISAKSON, spent more time working on veterans' issues and trying to take care of them, as they richly deserve, than JOHN MCCAIN.

At this point in his life, he, obviously, has a little time to sit and rest and reflect under the desert sky and to simply take in the beautiful, peaceful Nation he has worked so hard and so long to protect and pass on to all of our children.

One thing we all know about JOHN—and it remains the case today—is that he doesn't have a relaxed bone in his body. He still has plenty to say about work, I assure you. He misses his colleagues, and he would rather be here. I told him we miss him, too—all the great jokes, the smart-alecky comments. He was a joy to be around.

I didn't want to miss the opportunity to tell him how much his friendship has meant to me, so that is why I was out there this weekend. While I was there, I said I was confident I was speaking for everybody in the Senate in conveying our deepest respect to him for all he has done for this country during a truly extraordinary life.

Mr. KING. Will the Senator yield for a comment?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Yes.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I join in thanking the majority leader for, No. 1, going to see Senator MCCAIN and, No. 2, for the comments he made. I came here 5½ years ago and had never met JOHN MCCAIN, but I have gotten to know him over that period by serving on his Armed Services Committee and by traveling with him.

Over the weekend, I told some friends in Maine that traveling with JOHN MCCAIN is like a long march with Paul McCartney. You work hard, and everyone in the world knows it. He is an extraordinary leader and one of the most principled people I have ever met. I was speaking to a college graduation in far northern Maine and characterized him, almost spontaneously, as a person whom I consider to be the greatest living American. The audience broke into spontaneous applause because, I think, they agreed.

I thank the Senator for the time he has taken to acknowledge this great American today, and I join my comments with his in recognizing one of the most extraordinary careers in American history. I thank the Senator for his comments.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I thank my friend from Maine.

## 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE AND THE OPENING OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM

Mr. President, on an entirely different matter, today marks 70 years since Israel declared its independence on May 14, 1948. Ever since, this brave nation has shown as a beacon of democracy in a troubled region and has stood as a valued friend of the United States.

It is fitting that another historic event took place just today. This

morning, an American delegation, including top administration officials and several of our own colleagues, were on hand in Jerusalem, Israel's capital, to officially open the new American Embassy in that city.

I am proud the administration sent this clear signal on behalf of all Americans. We recognize the fact that Jerusalem is Israel's capital, plain and simple. That is where our Embassy belongs. Now, thanks to the President's decision, that is where it will be.

## WELL WISHES FOR HARRY REID

Mr. President, on one final subject, the Senate's thoughts this afternoon are with our former colleague, the previous Democratic leader, Senator Reid, who underwent surgery today for a pancreatic tumor. According to his family's statement, the procedure went well, and chemotherapy will follow in the days ahead.

So, Harry, let me say that we are all in your corner, and we wish you the very best in this fight.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 715.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael K. Atkinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Atkinson nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session for 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 WINNERS OF THE 2018 GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I want to bring to the attention of all Senators the winners of the 2018 Goldman Environmental Prize, the world's largest and most prestigious award for grassroots environmental activism.

Richard N. Goldman, 1920-2010, and his wife Rhoda H. Goldman, 1924-1996, established the prize in 1989. They had devoted much of their lives to environmental protection, and they conceived of the prize in order to recognize ordinary individuals working at the grassroots level who protect and enhance the Earth's environment.

As the Goldman Prize website states, "It views 'grassroots' leaders as those involved in local efforts, where positive change is created through community or citizen participation in the issues that affect them. Through recognizing these individual leaders, the Prize seeks to inspire other ordinary people to take extraordinary actions to protect the natural world." The award ceremony, held annually in both San Francisco and Washington, DC, is one of the year's most inspiring events.

Since Richard and Rhoda Goldman passed away, their three children have continued the prize. In doing so, they have honored courageous individuals from Africa, Asia, Europe, islands and island nations, North America, and South and Central America who have struggled for years, often against overwhelming odds, to protect endangered ecosystems and species, combat destructive development projects, promote sustainable environmental and energy policies, and obtain environmental justice.

Recipients of the prize are often from isolated rural communities or impoverished urban neighborhoods who have in common a lack of prior experience in activism, politics, or the law, but what they also share is that, when the forests, farmland, water, and air that their children, families, and communities depend on for their health and survival were faced with potentially existential threats, they took great personal risks to challenge those responsible, whether private industry, criminal networks, governments, or a combination of all three.

Their struggles, beginning with one or a handful of concerned individuals, grew to encompass whole communities and in some instances ignited national movements. What first seemed like tilting at windmills was eventually, through dogged and brave perseverance, shown to be possible, often after exposing lies, unbridled greed, and corruption on the part of large corporations and their accomplices at the highest levels of government.

By doing so, they have reminded us of the grave perils our planet faces today, that a single individual—regardless of his or her station in life—when moved to act can transform cynicism and despair into activism and change

and that each of us has a responsibility to follow their example.

This year's prize winners, who deserve our admiration and thanks, are as follows: Europe, Claire Nouvian of France; South and Central America, Francia Marquez of Colombia; islands and island nations, Manny Calonzon of the Philippines; Africa, Makoma Lekalakala and Liz McDaid of South Africa; Asia, Khanh Nguy Thi of Vietnam; and North America, LeeAnne Walters of Flint, MI.

I urge all Senators to go to the Goldman Environmental Prize website and read the inspiring stories of these extraordinary, ordinary individuals. The people of their countries are rightfully proud of them and grateful for what they have done to protect the health of their communities and of future generations. Their governments should likewise afford them the respect and recognition they deserve.

I commend the Goldman siblings for carrying on their parents' generous legacy and educating all of us about these role models for the world.

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today, during National Police Week, I wish to honor the thousands of uniformed Montanans who put their lives on the line to guarantee the safety and well-being of our families and the communities they call home.

Day in and day out, they keep out drugs, provide justice for families shattered by crime, and ensure parents are secure tucking in their kids at night.

These law enforcement officers are well-trained, committed, and they deserve our deepest gratitude.

When others run from danger, they courageously face it head on. They bravely stand up to threats, and in the most tragic of circumstances, some make the ultimate sacrifice.

Last year, Montanans lost Deputy Mason Moore of the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Moore was a beloved son, husband, father, and brother. He had a strong faith and a deep commitment to Montana and this Nation. His legacy lives on in his family, his fellow law enforcement officers, his community, and our State. Montana will never forget his dedication to service and his promise to keep all Montanans safe.

Tragic moments like this make us all stop and remember how thankful we are for the men and women who serve and protect our communities.

This National Police Week we add Deputy Moore's name to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, to respectfully document his sacrifice and to preserve his legacy.

In addition to honoring the life and service of Deputy Moore, we recognize six outstanding Montana law enforcement officers who also responded on May 16, 2017.

Deputy Austin Micu of Powell County Sheriff's Department, Troopers

Thomas Gill and Timothy R. Wyckoff of Montana Highway Patrol, and Sergeant Tim Berger, Lieutenant John O'Brien, and Officer Rich O'Brien of Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement Department all went above and beyond the call of duty, and we honor them today as "Top Cops."

During this week and every week, we thank you for putting your lives on the line to make Montana a safer place.

God bless you, and God bless your families, and God bless America.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN J. HUNTER

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Dr. Susan J. Hunter, president of the University of Maine, on her retirement after 27 years of outstanding service in higher education. Dr. Hunter joined the faculty of the University of Maine at Orono in 1991 as a researcher in cell biology. In 2014, she was named the university's 20th president, the first woman to hold that position.

It is a pleasure to join the people of Maine in expressing gratitude for Dr. Hunter's commitment to higher education. In her many roles during a truly distinguished career—from researcher, to professor, provost, and president—she has been an inspiring leader.

Even if Dr. Hunter had remained solely in the research field, her contributions would be worthy of accolades. In addition to invaluable work in bone cell biology, she served as coprincipal investigator of an award-winning National Science Foundation grant that placed graduate teaching fellows in primary and secondary schools as science demonstrators. She also led the establishment of UMaine's Rising Tide Center, an important initiative to enhance opportunities for women faculty members in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and social-behavioral sciences.

Dr. Hunter's service as an administrator includes chair of the department of biological sciences, associate provost and dean for undergraduate education, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, and vice chancellor for academic affairs for the entire University of Maine System. Last year, while serving as president of UMaine's flagship campus at Orono, she also became president of the university's regional campus at Machias.

Dr. Hunter's leadership at UMaine played a key role in bringing about advancements in enrollment, fundraising, and advocacy and partnerships. During her presidency, UMaine has recruited its largest incoming classes and the largest number of out-of-state students in the university's 153-year history, and the university has seen a 22-percent increase in private giving to its annual fund. Students and supporters have expressed their confidence in Dr. Hunter's leadership in the most meaningful ways.