

music licensees. Senator HATCH has indicated to me that he intends to work through these issues as the bill moves from introduction to markup so that we can have the broadest consensus possible for this legislation. I thank Senator HATCH for this commitment and commend him for his leadership on ensuring that the copyright laws stay apace with evolving technology.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I thank my good friend, Senator COONS, for co-sponsoring the Music Modernization Act and for his engagement on this critically important subject. Like Senator COONS, I want this bill to achieve broad support so that it can move forward in a consensus manner. To that end, I intend to work with broadcasters to address their concerns as the bill moves from introduction to markup and look forward to a productive, successful dialogue on these issues.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have 6 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 10 a.m., at Walter E. Washington Convention Center to conduct a hearing entitled "Driving Automotive Innovation and Federal Policies."

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "This is Not a Drill: An Examination of the Wireless Emergency Alert System."

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hear-

ing entitled "Turning 65: Navigating Critical Decisions to Age Well."

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Anna Bonelli, a detailee on the Senate Committee on Finance, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the Congress.

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, January 25; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the James nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:02 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

#### UNITED STATES TAX COURT

COURTNEY DUNBAR JONES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOHN O. COLVIN, RETIRED.

#### THE JUDICIARY

ALAN D. ALBRIGHT, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE WALTER S. SMITH, JR., RETIRED.  
SUSAN BRNOVICH, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, VICE NEIL VINCENT WAKE, RETIRED.

DOMINIC W. LANZA, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, VICE SUSAN RITCHIE BOLTON, RETIRED.  
JOHN B. NALBANDIAN, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE JOHN M. ROGERS, RETIRING.

MAUREEN K. OHLHAUSEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE LAWRENCE J. BLOCK, TERM EXPIRED.

ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, VICE REBECCA F. DOHERTY, RETIRED.

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, VICE ALAN G. LANCE, SR., RETIRED.

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271(E):

#### To be lieutenant commander

AUGUSTINO ALBANESE II  
VICTOR M. ALMODOVAR  
TIMOTHY R. ANDERSEN  
LINA R. ANDERSON  
RAPHAEL S. ANDERSON  
TAYLOR S. ANDREWS  
SAMUEL G. ANDRIESEN  
CHARLES M. ARENA  
JOELLEN M. ARONS  
SEAN R. ARUMAE  
OMAR S. ASTRERO  
KENNETH AU  
TODD J. BAGETIS  
RYAN W. BALL  
RAFAEL E. BATLLE  
ROBERT B. BATHEN  
BRIAN M. BEACH  
KIRK J. BECKMANN  
BEAU C. BELANGER  
BRADLEY P. BERGAN  
BENJAMIN J. BERMAN  
PETER A. BIZZARO  
STEVEN C. BLUM  
DAVID J. BLUNIER  
COLIN M. BOYLE  
ROBERT L. BRAHAM  
SCOTT M. BRANNER  
MICHAEL R. BRASHIER  
MARK J. BRASS  
CARLON F. BRIETZKE, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER M. BRIGGS  
JEROME BROWN  
MARGARET A. BROWN  
ROBERT J. BROWN  
JOSEPH P. BURGESS  
ANDY J. CEELEN  
JON E. CHAPLEAU  
RYAN H. CLARK  
CATLIN R. CLEMONS  
DANIEL P. CLOONAN  
MARK D. COBB  
ALEJANDRO M. COLLAZO  
MICHAEL J. COLLET  
ANNEXA M. CORMIER  
CASEY S. CORPE  
JUDE COSTELLO  
LEIGH G. COTTERELL  
BIANN I. CREQUE  
DALE T. CRESSMAN  
DANIEL P. CROWLEY  
LEE K. CRUSIUS  
IAN A. CULVER  
ALEXANDER B. CURRIE  
ANDREW J. CZARNIAK  
MICHAEL S. DAFFLER  
LINDEN M. DALE  
JONATHAN DALE  
SAMUEL M. DANUS  
CLAIRE P. DAVENPORT  
DANIEL A. DAVIS  
LISA M. DEPACE  
RYAN N. DICKSON  
NATHAN R. DOWNEND  
ROY T. DUFF  
CODY B. DUNAGAN  
KEVIN J. EDES  
TAYLOR K. EGGLESTON  
LUCAS A. ELDER  
JAMES W. ELLSWORTH  
BRANDIE E. ELMORE  
JASON A. ERICKSON  
ROYSBEL ESTUPINAN  
BRETT D. ETTINGER  
MEGHAN J. FAIRHURST  
DOUGLAS C. FALLON  
JUSTIN C. FELLERS  
MATTHEW J. FETZNER  
RYAN M. FISH  
BRIDGET J. FLORES  
JOSEPH T. FORGENG III  
IAN A. FOSTER  
KENNETH J. FRANKLIN, JR.  
RACHEL A. FRANKLIN  
SCOTT R. FRESHOUR  
ADAM R. FRYE  
JOSHUA N. GALDOS  
BRETT C. GARY  
ROBERT S. GAY  
JUSTIN R. GEAR  
MICHAEL W. GIBSON  
THOMAS G. GIBSON  
MARY A. GILDAY  
LAURA E. GOULD  
LINSEY M. GRANGER  
TONY L. GREGG  
STEVEN M. GREY  
RICHARD C. GUY  
NATHAN HALL  
DANIEL K. HAN

JESSE B. HARMS  
 JOSEPH A. HAYNSWORTH  
 RYAN R. HERBERT  
 MAUREEN K. HEGERICH  
 ANDREW S. HEIL  
 JOSEPH H. HERD  
 KATRIAN M. HERNANDEZ  
 SAMMY A. HILL  
 ASHLEY E. HOLM  
 LA'SHANDA R. HOLMES  
 AMANDA L. HOOD  
 ROBERT D. HORNICK  
 CHRISTOPHER R. HOWARD  
 THOMAS E. HUMPHREY  
 GREG S. ISBELL  
 MCCLAIN G. ISOM  
 MICHAEL R. JACKSON  
 KRISTEN R. JAEKEL  
 EUNICE A. JAMES  
 JASON E. JAMES  
 HARRY B. JEFFRIES  
 PAUL H. JOHANSEN  
 GRANT W. JOHNSON  
 GREGORY S. JOHNSON  
 MICHAEL G. JOHNSON  
 CRAIG E. JOHNSTON  
 JUSTIN R. JOLLEY  
 KIMBERLY D. KAISER  
 DANIEL J. KEARNEY, JR.  
 TAYLOR C. KELLOGG  
 CHARLES P. KELLY  
 MORGAN E. KELLY  
 MARK R. KETCHUM, JR.  
 JESSE C. KEYSER  
 CHRISTOPHER M. KIMREY  
 HAYLEY L. KOVAL  
 MATTHEW T. KRUEGER  
 NICHOLAS E. LAJOIE  
 ROBERT D. LALLY  
 JOHN P. LAMORTE  
 NESTOR L. LAZURIVAS  
 BRENDAN H. LEAHY  
 AMANDA M. LEMONDE  
 DANIEL R. LIBRANDO  
 BENJAMIN M. LITTS  
 RYAN S. LLOYD  
 ANDREW P. LUND  
 LANCE M. LYNCH  
 MARK T. MAGRINO  
 ALBERTO D. MARTINEZ  
 ANTHONY R. MARTINEZ  
 MICHAEL A. MASTRIANNI  
 JEFFREY M. MATEJKA  
 GEORGE R. MATTHEWS  
 COLIN K. MCKEE  
 TIMOTHY P. MCNAMARA  
 MATTHEW J. MEINHOLD  
 MICHAEL W. METZ  
 ABIGAIL S. MILLER  
 DANIEL A. MILLER  
 NICHOLAS M. MONACELLI  
 AUSTIN MONTANEZ

PATRICK R. MOON  
 RICHARD A. MOONEY  
 SAMANTHA J. MUDON  
 KEVIN H. MURPHY  
 IAN J. MURRAY  
 BENJAMIN E. NEAL  
 BRYANA K. NICHOLAS  
 MICHAEL J. NOVAK  
 STEPHEN R. NOWELL  
 AMY M. OHEARN  
 MICHAEL S. OUBRE  
 JULIAN M. OWEN  
 RAYMOND C. PAMATIAN  
 NICHOLAS A. PAPARIS  
 BRADLEY C. PEIFER  
 SHANNON J. PEIFER  
 MATTHEW D. PEKOSKE  
 KATHERINE M. PELKEY  
 MATTHEW R. PERKINS  
 ANDREW P. PERODEAU  
 WILLIAM M. PHILYAW III  
 JEREMY W. PICHETE  
 HAROLD N. PIPER III  
 CORINNE M. PLUMMER  
 PATRICK T. PLUMMER  
 JARROD E. POMAJZL  
 EARL H. POTTER IV  
 TAKILA S. POWELL  
 BENJAMIN E. POWERS  
 JEFFREY M. PREBECK  
 JULIA K. PRESNELL  
 SHANNON M. PRICE  
 SARAH M. PULLIAM  
 ADAM R. RECKLEY  
 KRISTINE R. RED ELK  
 JOSEPH E. REITMEYER  
 NATHANAEAL J. RHODES  
 MATTHEW D. RICHARDS  
 TYSON L. RICHARDS  
 AARON L. RIUTTA  
 LUIS D. RIVAS  
 DIANNA M. ROBINSON  
 KEITH C. ROBINSON  
 CHRISTOPHER A. ROGERS  
 JENNIFER A. ROGERS  
 MATTHEW A. ROMANO  
 ANTHONY A. ROMERO  
 EMILY A. ROSE  
 ALAN K. ROSENBERG  
 DAVID P. RUHLIG  
 ELIZABETH A. RUNCO  
 TASHA R. SADOWICZ  
 THOMAS A. SAPP  
 JAMESEN G. SAVIANO  
 NICOLAS M. SCHELLMAN  
 TARA M. SCHENDORF  
 DARIN W. SCHNEIDER  
 KENISHA J. SCOTT  
 BRIAN W. SEEKATZ  
 JOHN C. SEITZ  
 NATHANIEL P. SELAVKA  
 STEWART L. SIBERT

ANDREW J. SOMPLASKY  
 NATHANIEL L. SOULERET  
 DANIEL E. STEPLER  
 KODY J. STITZ  
 JEREMY D. STRICKLAND  
 TYLER A. STUTIN  
 MICHAEL D. TAPPAN, JR.  
 STACEY W. TATE  
 TERRENCE M. THORNBURGH  
 JAMES E. TOOMEY IV  
 KEVIN M. TRUJILLO  
 BENJAMIN R. TUXHORN  
 AARON L. URBANAWIZ  
 VINCENT A. VASATURO  
 JOHN VASILARAKIS  
 EMILIANO P. VASQUEZ  
 DANIEL VELEZ  
 SCOTT T. VERHAGE  
 CHRISTOPHER M. VERLINDEN  
 DAVID R. VIHONSKI  
 ZACHARY R. VOJTECH  
 ERIC G. VRYHEID  
 RAYMOND W. WAGNER  
 ARNOLD D. WALLACE  
 KENNETH L. WALTON  
 MORGAN I. WAY  
 BENJAMIN J. WEBER  
 JAMES A. WEST  
 DIXON T. WHITLEY  
 THOMAS F. WIELAND  
 MARIA C. WIENER  
 ANDREW C. WILLIAMS  
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 NIYA J. WILLIAMS  
 RICHARD C. WILLIAMS  
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 LISA WOODMAN  
 ERIC R. WOYNAROSKI  
 DAVID J. WRIGHT  
 PATRICK J. WRIGHT  
 YVONNE C. YANG  
 NICHOLAS P. ZIESER

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by  
 the Senate January 24, 2018:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ALEX MICHAEL AZAR II, OF INDIANA, TO BE SEC-  
 RETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SAMUEL DALE BROWNBACK, OF KANSAS, TO BE AM-  
 BASSADOR AT LARGE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS  
 FREEDOM.