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## Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, through all the generations, You have been our refuge and strength. You are without beginning or end.

Lord, how fleeting are life's seasons. We disappear like grass that springs up in the morning but by evening has begun to wither. Guide our lawmakers as they seek to confront the problems of our time with Your solutions. Give them stability and serenity as they strive to accomplish Your purposes. Help them to see their legislative work as a divine calling and mission.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 27, 2018.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. FISCHER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore.

Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session for consideration of the following nomination which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Lisa Porter, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 12:40 p.m. will be equally divided in the usual form.

Under the previous order, all time is expired.

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

Mrs. ERNST. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. YOUNG). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Ex.]

YEAS—98

Alexander	Gardner	Murphy
Baldwin	Gillibrand	Murray
Barrasso	Graham	Nelson
Bennet	Grassley	Perdue
Blumenthal	Harris	Peters
Blunt	Hassan	Portman
Booker	Hatch	Reed
Boozman	Heinrich	Risch
Brown	Heitkamp	Roberts
Burr	Heller	Rounds
Cantwell	Hirono	Rubio
Capito	Hoeven	Sanders
Cardin	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Carper	Inhofe	Schatz
Casey	Isakson	Schumer
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott
Collins	Jones	Shaheen
Coons	Kaine	Shelby
Corker	Kennedy	Smith
Cornyn	King	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Tester
Cotton	Kyl	Thune
Crapo	Lankford	Tillis
Cruz	Leahy	Toomey
Daines	Lee	Udall
Donnelly	Manchin	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Markey	Warner
Durbin	McCaskill	Warren
Enzi	McConnell	Whitehouse
Ernst	Menendez	Wicker
Feinstein	Merkley	Wyden
Fischer	Moran	Young
Flake	Murkowski	

NAYS—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—1

Sullivan

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.

The Senator from Oklahoma.

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

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stand in recess until 4 p.m. this afternoon.

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

### RECESS

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:13 p.m., recessed until 4 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. PERDUE).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASSIDY). The Senator from Georgia.

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 1113 through 1122 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; 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; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

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

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. Jeffrey H. Hurlbert

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy Reserve 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. Michael J. Dumont

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. Robert D. Katz

#### 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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Michael T. Plehn

#### 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. Timothy G. Szymanski

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of im-

portance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. James E. Rainey

#### 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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Sharpy

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. David P. Garfield

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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Timothy G. Fay

#### 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*

Maj. Gen. George W. Smith, Jr.

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1887 AIR FORCE nomination of Ryan J. Garlow, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 26, 2018.

PN2483 AIR FORCE nomination of Thomas T. Swaim, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2520 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning DANN S. CARLSON, and ending JOSE I. RUIZ QUINONES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2018.

#### IN THE ARMY

PN2036 ARMY nomination of Mac B. Carter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 24, 2018.

PN2200 ARMY nominations (189) beginning MICHAEL T. ANDERS, and ending D014641, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 20, 2018.

PN2201 ARMY nominations (149) beginning MICHAEL J. ADAMSKI, and ending G010241, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 20, 2018.

PN2202 ARMY nominations (119) beginning COURTNEY L. ABRAHAM, and ending D014311, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 20, 2018.

PN2442 ARMY nomination of Timothy D. Vincent, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 21, 2018.

PN2443 ARMY nomination of Mark J. Stanalajczko, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 21, 2018.

PN2484 ARMY nomination of Eric D. Barger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2485 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JOSEPH V. DERMENJIAN, and ending MI-

CHAEL J. TROFINOFF, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2486 ARMY nomination of Christopher G. Hossfeld, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2487 ARMY nomination of Dejuan E. Gibler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2488 ARMY nominations (41) beginning JOHN H. BARKEMEYER, and ending D014328, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2489 ARMY nomination of John T. Winkler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2490 ARMY nominations (14) beginning PEDRO O. AGAPAY, III, and ending MARK A. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2491 ARMY nomination of Jaime D. Birmingham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2492 ARMY nominations (7) beginning JEFF A. BLACKARD, and ending MATTHEW J. SONGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2493 ARMY nominations (2) beginning BRIAN J. BURTON, and ending CHRISTOPHER S. WOOTEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2494 ARMY nominations (2) beginning HUGO I. EHUAN, and ending MICHAEL K. FLURY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2515 ARMY nomination of Kurt J. Cyr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 12, 2018.

PN2516 ARMY nomination of Brian D. McManus, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 12, 2018.

PN2517 ARMY nomination of Edward J. Maloney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 12, 2018.

PN2518 ARMY nomination of Craig S. Gatzemeyer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 12, 2018.

PN2521 ARMY nomination of Michael A. Collins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2018.

PN2522 ARMY nomination of Robert J. Bernard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2018.

PN2523 ARMY nominations (31) beginning DEXTER M. BERRY, and ending AGNITA M. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2018.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN2463 MARINE CORPS nomination of Shawn A. Rickrode, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN2368 NAVY nominations (5) beginning JAMES K. SHORT, and ending NICHOLAS A. MIDZAK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2018.

PN2453 NAVY nominations (37) beginning ANDREW P. BESSETTE, and ending STANLEY R. WORTHINGTON, which nominations