

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. CASIDY). 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 601:

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

were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2454 NAVY nominations (116) beginning MARK A. A. ABADILLA, and ending JOHN S. YOHANNAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2455 NAVY nominations (46) beginning ADAM C. ALIANO, and ending SHARLENA Y. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2456 NAVY nominations (170) beginning WILLIAM A. AGBO, and ending GREGORY A. WOLFLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2457 NAVY nominations (59) beginning BENJAMIN P. ARCHER, and ending MICHAEL K. YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2458 NAVY nominations (243) beginning JACOB A. ADAMS, and ending KENNETH E. ZITNIK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2459 NAVY nominations (3) beginning ALBETRO ALSHABAZZ, and ending BRIAN M. WOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2460 NAVY nominations (55) beginning NICHOLAS L. ALANDER, and ending PATRICK D. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2461 NAVY nominations (75) beginning MARK ADJEL, and ending DARIAN J. WILDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2462 NAVY nomination of Julio L. Mattos, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 27, 2018.

PN2495 NAVY nominations (39) beginning DARIN M. ANDREWS, and ending RYAN D. ZACHAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2496 NAVY nominations (6) beginning FRANCIS G. COYLE, and ending CHRISTOPHER J. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2497 NAVY nominations (19) beginning RICHARD E. ARTHUR, II, and ending BARRY J. WUTZKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2498 NAVY nominations (27) beginning CLAUDIA I. ALDAY, and ending TOSHI L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2499 NAVY nominations (879) beginning KYLE J. ABNER, and ending THOMAS W. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2500 NAVY nominations (64) beginning SCOTT B. AARON, and ending SHANNON M. ZOCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2501 NAVY nominations (54) beginning JESSICA L. ALEXANDER, and ending SENG F. YEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2502 NAVY nominations (19) beginning MICHAEL K. BEALL, and ending WILLIAM N. ZINICOLALAPIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2503 NAVY nominations (25) beginning RACHEL M. ALTHOUSE, and ending JASON P. TABANAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2504 NAVY nominations (8) beginning SEAN A. BROPHY, and ending JESUS A. URANGA, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2505 NAVY nominations (145) beginning CHRISTOPHER M. ANDREWS, and ending JACOB W. ZERCHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

PN2506 NAVY nominations (87) beginning EMILY L. ADAMS, and ending JACOB C. WILLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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.

107TH NATIONAL DAY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the people and leaders of Taiwan on their National Day to take place on October 10. The United States and Taiwan have a long history of friendship that has promoted prosperity and security on both sides of the Pacific. The U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship continues to grow based on our shared democratic values and common strategic interests. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan.

REMEMBERING JAMES WILLIAM RATZLAFF

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, another giant has fallen. I rise today to recognize the passing of James William Ratzlaff.

As a conservationist, an avid outdoorsman, a philanthropist, and, most of all, a dear friend, Jim was one of Oregon's great civic leaders. He passed away on August 26 at home on his beloved ranch surrounded by love. Jim is survived by Jane, his loving wife of 54 years, and their children, Jim, Jr., and Susan, as well as Jim, Jr.'s wife Leinani and her sons, Lowell and Larkin, and Susan's son, Marcus James.

For decades, Jim and Jane have exemplified and renewed our sense of what it means to be outstanding community leaders: patiently listening and learning, actively seeking equitable solutions, and, above all, leading by example.

Jim's legacy of good deeds extends far beyond mere philanthropy. He

threw himself headlong into the complex challenges facing communities in and well beyond his home in Roseburg, OR. His abiding love for nature and healthy watersheds always went hand-in-hand with his deep concern for the well-being of our communities. Jim always believed and worked to prove that community health, ecology, and economy are inseparable and that, together, we can strengthen all three.

Jim's notable success in business served merely as a means to an end much bigger than himself. Those that knew him well would agree that he saw his good fortune as a blessing allowing him to expand his ability to do good in the world. Always with humility, always with deference, always true to his core values, Jim taught us once again how to lead by example.

Jim and Jane moved to Oregon, to the beauty of Crane Creek Ranch, and exercised their good fortune to make the world a better place. Through his work with the Oregon Community Foundation and service on boards across the Pacific Northwest—including Pacific Rivers Council, Wild Salmon Center, the North Umpqua Foundation, Oregon Public Broadcasting, and Mercy Medical Center—Jim was tireless in his efforts to maintain healthy forests and rivers and to elevate the lives of those around him.

Jim's great love of his family and the land stood as an inspiration to everyone around him. While, yes, a giant has fallen, a forest will rise in his place, growing from all those whose lives he has touched with his love, friendship, generosity, wisdom, and lifelong commitment to building a better future.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Throughout its half century, this landmark conservation law has played a critical role in maintaining the natural, free-flowing qualities that make the country's wild and scenic rivers so special.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, signed October 2, 1968, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, has protected rivers across the United States for recreation, salmon and fish habitat, important geology and cultural values, and countless other important benefits. This bedrock environmental law is especially important for Oregon where, in 1968, the remarkable wild Rogue River received protection as part of the first eight rivers protected by the Act.

Since then, Congress extended Wild and Scenic designations to many of Oregon's most iconic rivers, including important segments of the Chetco, the Deschutes, the Elk, the John Day, the Lostine, the Owyhee, and over 50 other rivers and streams in every corner of my State. In total, Oregon has more river segments designated than any other State in the Union, with over 1,900 miles in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.