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Senate

The Senate met at 11:50 and 5 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEB FISCHER, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2019.

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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to make a unanimous consent request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the following nomination, Executive Calendar No. 1048.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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 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 nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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

The nomination was confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:52 and 3 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 3, 2019:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WILLIAM CHARLES MCINTOSH, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

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