

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOUTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 140, H.R. 2740, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

Richard C. Shelby, Mike Crapo, John Cornyn, Roy Blunt, Thom Tillis, Shelley Moore Capito, Roger F. Wicker, Lisa Murkowski, Mike Rounds, Pat Roberts, John Boozman, Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, John Barrasso, Kevin Cramer, Richard Burr, Mitch McConnell.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the consideration of the following nomination, Executive Calendar No. 467.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David M. DeVillers, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

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 and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

Is there further debate on the nomination?

If not, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the DeVillers nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate will resume legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to legislative session and be in 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.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I was unavoidably absent for two votes this evening due to a flight delay. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on amendment 961 and nay on amendment 1019.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LILIE MURRAY

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Lilie Murray of Rye as October's Granite Stater of the Month for her work to provide support and necessities to those in need.

Lilie was first inspired to take up the cause to help less fortunate members of her community after her advisor and sophomore-year honors ecology teacher, Kimberly McGlinchey, taught Lilie's class about the United Nation's sustainable development goals. The class focused specifically on 3 of the 17 goals: no poverty, quality education, and sustainable cities and communities.

In an effort to make progress on these goals in her community, Lilie started Portsmouth Community Closet, which donates new or gently used clothing to people in need on the Seacoast. The group distributed its first donations at Gosling Meadows, a public housing neighborhood in Portsmouth.

During that event, Lilie learned that Gosling Meadows' residents were struggling to clean their clothes after the neighborhood laundromat shut down. Many of the residents did not have cars, and the local city buses do not allow residents to bring large bags on the bus.

In response, Lilie organized a fundraiser to bring washers and dryers to families living in Gosling Meadows, giving priority to families with students who attended her public high school. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$4,500 to provide eight families with energy-saving washers and dryers.

Following up on her work with Gosling Meadows, Lilie started a summer program at Greenleaf Recreation Center in Portsmouth, which mainly serves children ages 6 to 13 from Gosling Meadows, as well as another public housing neighborhood in Portsmouth. She and her classmates brought the children in the program on trips that they normally would not be able to afford, such as rock climbing or blueberry picking.

Her work with these kids inspired her to jump into another project to help her community, this time focusing on literacy. Lilie could see how much

these children love to read, but there was no dedicated space in the Greenleaf Recreation Center for quiet reading. So over the summer she and her classmates built a colorful reading nook in the Greenleaf Recreation Center to give these children the space and resources that they needed to read and learn.

What is so wonderful about Lilie's story is that each one of her volunteer services builds on the next and goes to show how inspiring and motivating it can be to volunteer in one's community.

Thank you, Lilie, for your continued efforts to help those less fortunate and for committing yourself to creating a more just and equal society. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 777. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004.

H.R. 4617. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4617. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 439. A bill to allow Members of Congress to opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System, and allow Members who opt out of the Federal Employees Retirement System to continue to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (Rept. No. 116-159).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2177. A bill to provide taxpayers with an improved understanding of Government programs through the disclosure of cost, performance, and areas of duplication among them, leverage existing data to achieve a functional Federal program inventory, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-154).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2712. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the “Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2713. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on indoor tanning services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2714. A bill to amend the America COMPETES Act to reauthorize the ARPA-E program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 2715. A bill to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2716. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 2717. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to spur entrepreneurial ecosystems in underserved communities; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2718. A bill to provide for the conduct of certain water security measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ROMNEY, and Mr. JONES):

S. 2719. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the knowledge and skills of principals and school leaders regarding early childhood education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2720. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2721. A bill to reduce violence and health disparities by addressing social determinants of health, enhancing health care recruitment, and improving the delivery of quality, coordinated care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 177

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the “Hello Girls”.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education of the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

S. 283

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and utilization of, bone mass measurement benefits under part B of the Medicare program by establishing a minimum payment amount under such part for bone mass measurement.

S. 636

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 1168

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1168, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1590, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1657

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1657, a bill to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1841, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 1855

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1855, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve college access and college completion for all students.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide financial assistance to eligible entities to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans at risk of suicide and veteran families through the award of grants to such entities, and for other purposes.

S. 1979

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1979, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for the minimum size of crews of freight trains, and for other purposes.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2054, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional