

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 497.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of LaJuana S. Wilcher, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

There being no objection, 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 and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order and that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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

The nomination was confirmed.

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Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from PN1228 and the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: PN1228, Executive Calendar Nos. 492 and 496.

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

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023; Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020; Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025. (Reappointment)

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; that no further motions be in

order; and that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Chapman, Graham, and Graham (Reappointment) nominations, en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

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Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 553.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years.

There being no objection, 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 and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

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

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

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged and the Senate proceed to the consideration of PN1318, 1319, and 1321; 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 to the nominations be printed in the RECORD and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

The following-named Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of State to be a Foreign Service Officer, a Consular Officer, and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Shon Stephen Belcher, of the District of Columbia
 Charles C. Blake III, of the District of Columbia
 David L. Bruns, of Florida
 Pedro G. Campo-Boue, of Florida
 Hsiao-Ching Chang, of California
 Jasmin S. Cho, of Washington
 Nurit S. Einik, of Florida
 Michael H. Elliott, of Wyoming

Lindsay C. Fair, of Texas
 Leslie M. Fenton, of California
 Owen P. Fletcher, of California
 William West Follmer, of Maryland
 Jean M. Foster, of Colorado
 Nicholas J. Geboy, of the District of Columbia

Elizabeth A. Gee, of Florida
 Juliana E. Hanson, of North Carolina
 Richard E. Heater, of Texas
 Dennie S. Hoopingarner, of Michigan
 Jeffrey A. Jackson, of Connecticut
 Joshua W. Kamp, of New York
 Joseph J. Kim, of the District of Columbia
 Olena A. Krawciw, of Virginia
 Laura A. MacArthur, of California
 Caroline J. Mann, of Florida
 Brian C. McKean, of Florida
 Keavy C. Nahan, of Texas
 Paul A. Roelle, of Pennsylvania
 Jennine R. Rudnitski, of Minnesota
 Timothy C. Sarraille, of Virginia
 Adam L. Schick, of Washington
 Cigdem Zeynep Soyluoglu-Hoyt, of California

Tyler J. Stoddard, of Idaho
 Shravan Surendra, of Virginia
 Brittany D. Thompson, of Virginia
 Aaron D. Tiffany, of Washington
 Dimitri Varmazis, of Massachusetts
 Jonathan Blake Vaughan, of Tennessee
 Tamara Lyn Picardo Rivera Wilson, of Virginia

Kathryn M. Wiseman, of Texas
 The following-named Career Members of the Foreign Service for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, as a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Gharun S. Lacy, of Maryland
 David Mango, of New York
 The following-named Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of State to be a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Kara Miriam Abramson, of the District of Columbia
 Eunice O. Ajayi, of Maryland
 Dane Dixon Allen-Bryant, of the District of Columbia
 Robert Steven Baker, of Virginia
 Daniel Dee Barello, of Virginia
 Kevin Silas Barlow, of Georgia
 Nikki Barnes, of Maryland
 Tyra Zuri Hayes Beaman, of Virginia
 Aaron Walter Becker, of Virginia
 Rami Lowell Blair, of Rhode Island
 Joseph Thorel Bodell, of Virginia
 Miguel Alexander Boluda, of the District of Columbia
 Samantha R. BonenClark, of Florida
 Stefanie Michelle Braswell, of the District of Columbia
 Daniel John Buchman, of New York
 Thomas Adams Buckley, of Virginia
 Robert Scott Bunch, of Virginia
 Taryn E. Burton, of Virginia
 Randall Eugene Bussman, of Virginia
 Coleman David Butterworth, of Virginia
 Corinne Denise Calabro, of Virginia
 Nichelle I. Carter, of Maryland
 Caitlin Marie Cassot, of Washington
 Eduardo Castillo, Jr., of Texas
 Min-Ling Chang, of Maryland
 Lillian Katharine Chreky, of Virginia
 Anthony Cyprian Christian, of Maryland
 Matthew Franklin Clark, of Virginia
 Kempton J. Cox, of Idaho
 Cory David Curran, of Virginia
 John R. Daniliuk, of the District of Columbia
 Daniel Alan DeGroff, of Florida
 Alexandra R. Del Solar, of the District of Columbia

Tariq Q. Desir, of Virginia
 Saumya V. Deva, of California
 Anika Marie DeVolder, of the District of Columbia
 Rurik H. Diehl, of Virginia
 Jacob E. Dietrich, of Kentucky
 Surayya Imani Diggs, of New York
 Christa L. Divis, of South Carolina
 Bennett K. Domingues, of Virginia
 Joyce E. Dudley, of Maryland
 Mark Philip Duggan, of Virginia
 Stephen Edinger, of Virginia
 Kelsey Brooke Egan, of Virginia
 Nurmukhamed A. Eldosov, of Ohio
 Gregory R. Elrod, of South Carolina
 Steven M. Elwood, of Virginia
 Maryan Adel Fouad Farag, of Virginia
 Christopher Franklin, of Maryland
 Sydney L. Freeman, of New Jersey
 Sayer French, of Virginia
 James Andrew Galindo, of Virginia
 Katie Vanessa Garay, of Virginia
 Beau Paul Garrett, of Washington
 Kuros Ghaffari, of the District of Columbia
 Emily Ruth Goodell, of Virginia
 Daniel Guindon, of Virginia
 Aameera Rumana Hamid, of the District of Columbia
 John Joseph Harrington III, of the District of Columbia
 Allison Kelly Haugen, of Washington
 Corey A. Henton, of Virginia
 Sarah Melissa Hernandez, of Texas
 Matthew H. Hinson, of New Jersey
 Dylan R. Hoey, of Wisconsin
 Alexander Joseph Holmes, of Virginia
 Lauren E. Holt, of the District of Columbia
 Jesse J. Hong, of the District of Columbia
 Lauren Kimberly Hovis, of Virginia
 Tony Hudson, Jr., of Georgia
 Christine Rene Huff, of Virginia
 Terrell Dwayne Hunt, of Indiana
 Andrew William Hutto, of Virginia
 Betty Ngoc Huynh, of the District of Columbia
 Ty Anthony Isom, of Virginia
 Nathan R. Johnson, of Minnesota
 Gregory K. Joy, of New York
 Waqqas Khalid, of the District of Columbia
 Andrew J. King, of Virginia
 Johanna L. Knoch, of Colorado
 Keshia Mae Kuhn, of Tennessee
 Freddy Ouandja Lakoundzi, of Virginia
 Sean M. Lawlor, of Virginia
 Hilary B. Lepuil, of Virginia
 Brian Geoffrey Lipski, of Virginia
 Ingrid Jenai Lomax, of Virginia
 Patrick Joseph Lukanich, of Virginia
 Michael Patrick Lynch, of the District of Columbia
 Brendan Elias Magnuson, of Virginia
 Henry Patrick Mahoney, of Virginia
 Michael P. Marette, of Virginia
 James M. Marino, of Virginia
 Lynn Edmonds McCredy, Jr., of Virginia
 Heather Ailene McInnis, of Virginia
 Alexander Paul McKenney, of Virginia
 Andreo Micic, of Virginia
 Larissa M. Mihalisko, of Virginia
 Brandon Milford, of Virginia
 Vanessa Jane Moglin, of Virginia
 Marc Andrew Monroig, of New York
 William Robert Montgomery, of Virginia
 Sanjay Y. Murty, of Virginia
 Aseebulla A. Niazi, of New Hampshire
 Steven Paul Nicholson, of Florida
 Ashley Jo Niedermayer, of Virginia
 Kimberly G. Ofobike, of Virginia
 Christel Oomen, of Oregon
 Kelsey Ann Orr, of North Carolina
 Mary E. Overbeck, of Virginia
 Noor Badreldin Oweis, of the District of Columbia
 Laura J. Park, of the District of Columbia
 Catherine Nicole Plant, of Virginia
 Benjamin Michael Quinn, of Virginia
 Grayson Edward Ramsey, of Virginia
 Gregory J. Redmann, of Virginia
 Tyler Jay Reis, of the District of Columbia
 Clark E. Robertson, of Virginia
 Lori A. Roberts, of Virginia
 Nicole R. Roberts, of Massachusetts
 Kalif R. Robinson, of Georgia
 Natalie R. Rooks, of Colorado
 Nicholas L. Roscoe, of Virginia
 William H. Z. Schlossberg, of Virginia
 Patrick Shilladay Scott, of Virginia
 Mehek Sethi, of Georgia
 Patrick M. Sheehan, of the District of Columbia
 Kristina Sherman, of Virginia
 Madelyn D. Smith, of Washington
 Axel Spaeh, of Virginia
 Michael A. Stock, of Kansas
 Camille Z. Swinson, of Massachusetts
 Melinda Leanne Thompson, of Virginia
 Hawi T. Tilahune, of Minnesota
 Sulaiman H. Toghral, of West Virginia
 Minh H. Tokuyama, of the District of Columbia
 Jesus Amador Torres, of Virginia
 Ryan L. Trunk, of the District of Columbia
 Valerie N. Tucker, of Florida
 Kaitlyn R. Turner, of Virginia
 Pablo Jairo Tuttilo Maldonado, of Connecticut
 Jessica Erin Tylecki, of Virginia
 Juan-Paulo Varela, of California
 Gilberto Manuel Velazquez-Aponte, of Virginia
 Cale F. Wagner, of North Dakota
 Jeffrey Lee Watts, of Texas
 Michael J. Weber, of Minnesota
 Steven Duane Weber, of Virginia
 Kelsey L. Williams, of Florida
 Chelsea A. Wilson, of Maryland
 Henry B. Wilson, of Virginia
 Jordan L. Wilson, of the District of Columbia
 Alexandra Marie Zolnowski, of the District of Columbia
 Derek Jason Zoretic, of Virginia
 Megan Elizabeth Zurowski, of Virginia
 The following-named Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of State to be a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:
 Jenny U. Abamu, of Texas
 Sean Gregory Allan, of Virginia
 Maximilian E. Aviles, of California
 Martha Jeannette Berry, of Texas
 Rohini Bhaumik, of Virginia
 Donald Judson Blakeslee, of Virginia
 Rausan Borujerdi, of New York
 Timothy A. Bowman, of Virginia
 Logan Victor Brog, of the District of Columbia
 Cameron C. Brown, of Virginia
 Jeffrey S. Bunting, of Virginia
 Thomas Clifford Burgess, of Virginia
 Diane Elizabeth Carroll, of Illinois
 Patrick B. Cheetham, of Virginia
 Joanna D. Chen, of New York
 Lacy Hebert Cheung, of Virginia
 Veronica P. Chiu, of Connecticut
 Jennifer Elizabeth Cole, of the District of Columbia
 Amy E. Conroy, of Connecticut
 Kaitlin Ann Crile, of Virginia
 Corey James Crowley, of the District of Columbia
 Andrew K. Danto, of Pennsylvania
 Tanya N. Donangmaye, of New York
 Kelly E. DuBois, of Alaska
 Alyssa Hope Feldstein, of the District of Columbia
 Faith E. Fugar, of Maryland
 Adam John Gallagher, of California
 Usra Ghazi, of the District of Columbia
 Marichuy Gomez, of California
 Alan Huston Gordon, of the District of Columbia
 Joy P. Grainger, of South Carolina
 Oleksandra V. Gubina, of the District of Columbia
 Abdulrahman Mohammed Habeeb, of the District of Columbia
 Frank Forester Leslie Harrington IV, of West Virginia
 Jerry Wayne Haynes II, of Virginia
 Meredith Noelle Healy, of Colorado
 Jeffrey N. Henry, of Virginia
 Manuela Hernandez, of Florida
 Simon Andrew Hessler, of Virginia
 Sven Bertil Hestrand, of Virginia
 Lisa B. Hoeksema, of the District of Columbia
 Richard S. Holliday, of the District of Columbia
 Ankhet Holmes, of California
 Wayne William Hosek, of Virginia
 Kelly Elizabeth Johnson, of Virginia
 Rachel E. King, of Ohio
 Ethan N. Kinney, of Alabama
 James Allen Koehler, of Virginia
 Sarah Michelle Koelbl, of Virginia
 Sierra N. Lekie, of Virginia
 James Allan Lobb II, of Virginia
 Lukas Loncko, of Virginia
 Kevin Lynch, of Virginia
 Kamila P. Manzueta, of Florida
 Gregory James Marchwinski, of Virginia
 Christopher Alan Marsh, of California
 Joseph R. Martello, of Virginia
 Donna Catherine Marzo, of Virginia
 Patrick T. Maxwell, of Pennsylvania
 Benjamin R. McIntosh, of California
 Katharine Armstrong Jensen McIntosh, of Virginia
 Austin Blaine McKinney, of Michigan
 Ryan James McNamara, of Virginia
 Lauren A. Meinhart, of Virginia
 Manuel Jose Menocal, of Virginia
 Elizabeth M. Meravi, of Massachusetts
 Caryl Anna Merten, of the District of Columbia
 Brittanie Anne Morrison, of Virginia
 Fatima T. Morrisroe, of Virginia
 Stephanie L. Muller, of Virginia
 Radha Neelakantan, of the District of Columbia
 Christina E. Paul, of Florida
 James Campbell Pershing, of Massachusetts
 Amanda Peskin, of Colorado
 Lance Erich Peterson, of Virginia
 Siobhan J. Pollock, of Virginia
 Jamaica Afiya Pouncy, of Texas
 David Allen Rackovan, Jr., of the District of Columbia
 Kathryn L. Rasmussen, of Wisconsin
 Lilia Acacia Reeder, of the District of Columbia
 Elisabeth Jane Reigel, of Virginia
 Natalie Ruth Reynolds, of Virginia
 Kelly James Rice, of South Carolina
 Christopher Blake Rollins, of the District of Columbia
 Kevin James Rosati, of Virginia
 Joseph C. Russell, of Virginia
 Johanna P. Sanchez, of New York
 Tawni L. Sasaki, of California
 Yevgen Sautin, of Florida
 Jennifer M. Schmidt, of Oregon
 Brian E. Selman, of Texas
 Zinna Senbetta, of Illinois
 Claire Victoria Shelden, of Colorado
 Jennifer J. Shin, of New York
 Jennifer Lynn Shingler, of Virginia
 Harold Frank Joseph Shirley, of Virginia
 DeAndre D. Smith, of Maryland
 Trevor J. Smith, of Florida
 Caitlin A. Strawder, of Florida
 Dominick E. Tao, of Florida
 Mark S. Thompson, of Virginia
 Claire Elizabeth Vallin, of Michigan
 Sean David Varner, of Virginia
 Lauren J. Vine, of California
 Crystal N. Waitekus, of Virginia
 Grayson M. Walker, of Virginia
 Alexander F. Watson, of Florida
 Kristin Weber, of Virginia
 Sean Michael Weidner, of Maryland
 Elissa Marie Weingart, of Virginia

Terry-Ann T. Wellington, of Texas
 Uri Whang, of Virginia
 Julie L. Wilkins, of Virginia
 Leslie Elisabeth Wilson, of the District of
 Columbia
 Juwan A. Woods, of Louisiana
 Andrew Henry Wright, of Virginia
 Tiffany Jiun-Tyan Wu, of Virginia
 Sarahann Y. Yeh, of Virginia
 Hamda A. Yusuf, of Washington

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

CONSTRUCTION CONSENSUS PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 203, S. 1434.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1434) to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Portman amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 1269) was considered and agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the definition of reverse auction to cover the awarding of contracts and orders that are based solely on the price obtained through the auction process)

On page 3, line 12, strike “, in whole or in part, based” and insert “is solely based”.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1434

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF A REVERSE AUCTION FOR THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, in contrast to a traditional auction in which the buyers bid up the price, sellers bid down the price in a reverse auction.

(b) PROHIBITION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be amended to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for awarding contracts for design and construction services.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “design and construction services” means—

(A) site planning and landscape design;
 (B) architectural and engineering services (as defined in section 1102 of title 40, United States Code);

(C) interior design;

(D) performance of substantial construction work for facility, infrastructure, and environmental restoration projects;

(E) delivery and supply of construction materials to construction sites; or

(F) construction or substantial alteration of public buildings or public works.

(2) The term “reverse auction” means, with respect to any procurement by an executive agency—

(A) a real-time auction conducted through an electronic medium among 2 or more offerors who compete by submitting bids for a supply or service contract, or a delivery order, task order, or purchase order under the contract, with the ability to submit revised lower bids at any time before the closing of the auction; and

(B) the award of the contract, delivery order, task order, or purchase order to the offeror is solely based on the price obtained through the auction process.

END PLUSH RETIREMENTS ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 274, S. 439.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 439) 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.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Cardin amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 1270) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

On page 2, strike lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Members of Congress Pension Opt Out Clarification Act”.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 439

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Members of Congress Pension Opt Out Clarification Act”.

SEC. 2. MAKING FERS OPTIONAL FOR MEMBERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Section 8401(20) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “, and who (in the case” and all that follows through “2004”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to an individual who first serves as a Member of the House of Representatives, including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress, on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN TSP.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Section 8401(20) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

(A) by striking “term ‘Member’ has” and inserting the following: “term ‘Member’—“(A) has”;

(B) by inserting “, subject to subparagraph (B).” after “except that”;

(C) by adding “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) for purposes of subchapter III, has the same meaning as provided in section 2106, without regard to whether the individual elects not to participate in the Federal Employees’ Retirement System;”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TSP.—Section 8431(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting “except as provided in section 8401(20)(B).” after “subchapter.”.

(3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to an individual who makes an election described in section 8401(20) of title 5, United States Code, not to participate in the Federal Employees’ Retirement System before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVIDER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 221 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 221) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Gardner substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?