

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE 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 nomination of Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

Mitch McConnell, Lamar Alexander, Rick Scott, Tom Cotton, Mike Crapo, Cory Gardner, Ron Johnson, James Lankford, Roger F. Wicker, Marco Rubio, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Thom Tillis, Shelley Moore Capito, John Boozman, Joni Ernst, Mike Braun, Pat Roberts.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 836.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE 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 nomination of Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Cory Gardner, Richard Burr, John Thune,

Michael B. Enzi, Steve Daines, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, Marco Rubio, Roy Blunt, Joni Ernst, Mike Braun, Mike Crapo.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 591.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE 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 nomination of Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Mitch McConnell, John Barrasso, David Perdue, Thom Tillis, Tom Cotton, Mike Rounds, Roger F. Wicker, Kevin Cramer, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, Steve Daines, Marsha Blackburn, John Thune, James E. Risch, Mike Braun, Tim Scott.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS FOR STUDENTS ACT

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth and for young adults aged 10 to 34. It is also the second leading cause of death among college students. Thirty-nine percent, in fact, of college students experience a significant mental health issue, and 50 percent of mental health issues begin by age 14. Seventy-five percent of them begin by age 24.

Senators CORNYN, JONES, WARREN, GILLIBRAND, ROSEN, and I have introduced the Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act. There is companion legislation in the House that is also bipartisan that has 51 cosponsors.

Our legislation is pretty simple. It would require colleges that participate

in Federal student aid programs to share contact information for suicide prevention resources with their students, and this is how it works:

If a university distributes student ID cards—most do; not all of them do but most do—then the universities would be directed to include the phone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, for the Crisis Text Line, and for a campus mental health center or program on the student ID card. If a university doesn't have a student ID card, they don't have to publish a student ID card just for that purpose. They can put the information on their websites.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is well known. It is a national network of over, I think, 180 local crisis centers. Those centers provide confidential emotional support to anybody in a suicidal crisis or emotional distress. They offer 24/7 services, and those services are free.

I would also point out that our legislation is also supported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the National Association of School Psychologists, and 14 other mental health-related organizations.

Our legislation, finally, would not take effect until 1 year. So I don't want anyone to think that we are requiring our colleges to go out and immediately publish new student IDs. As they publish new student IDs when the current year runs out, we are just asking them to include this information on those IDs.

Toward that end, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of our legislation, S. 1782, and that 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. 1782) to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the bill, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 1782) was passed, as follows:

S. 1782

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 "Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act".

SEC. 2. ADDING SUICIDE PREVENTION CONTACT INFORMATION TO SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(30)(A) In the case of an institution that creates and distributes identification cards for students at any time after the date of enactment of this paragraph, such institution shall include phone contact information on each such card for the following organizations:

“(i) The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

“(ii) Crisis Text Line.

“(iii) A campus mental health center or program, as determined by the institution.

“(B) In the case of an institution that does not create and distribute identification cards for students at any time after the date of enactment of this paragraph, such institution shall publish the suicide prevention contact information specified in subparagraph (A) on the website of such institution.

“(C) If an organization in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) ceases to exist, the Secretary may designate a different entity with a similar purpose to be included on the identification card.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect beginning on the day that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. KENNEDY assumed the Chair.)

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT of Florida). Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS DELEGATION

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, at the end of each Congress, we have the bittersweet task of saying good-bye to some of our retiring colleagues, and today I want to talk a little bit about our departing Members of Team Texas.

When I came to the Senate, succeeding Senator Phil Gramm, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, now our Ambassador to NATO, always schooled us on Team Texas and said: We may be Democrats, we may be House Members, we may be Republicans, we may be Members of the Senate, but when it comes to Texas, we are all part of Team Texas.

And I tried to carry that tradition on as well.

Our delegation is losing six incredible statesmen, including three ranking Members in the House, whose contributions have notched countless wins for our State during their time in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MAC THORNBERRY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, the first name I want to mention is MAC THORNBERRY. MAC is the dean of the Texas delegation. His district is the second largest in Texas, and comprises parts of 41 different counties. It stretches from the suburbs of Dallas, across Wichita Falls, Amarillo, and most of the Texas Panhandle.

The folks throughout Texas 13 couldn't have asked for a stronger advocate over these last 26 years than MAC. His background as a rancher, a former Capitol Hill staffer, and a State Department official under the Reagan administration, then brought him to Congress with a well-rounded view of the problems facing our country. He possessed the leadership characteristics needed to address each of those.

He spent his time here consistently fighting to rein in government spending—something that, as the Presiding Officer knows, sometimes seems like a futile task but necessary.

He has consistently fought to protect our freedoms and liberties and ensure that all Texans have a shot at the American dream.

We have worked together many times over the years on everything from protecting the property rights of folks along the Red River to renaming the Amarillo courthouse after a trail-blazing Texan, Mary Lou Robinson.

There is no question that some of his greatest accomplishments are related to our national defense. MAC has served on the House Armed Services Committee throughout his time in Congress, and he became the first Texan of either party to chair that committee. He has used this important and powerful post to ensure that our servicemembers have what they need to defend our freedoms abroad and the training and the equipment to make it home safely.

He has done a lot—more than most—to improve military readiness, including through needed improvements at our Texas military installations. I remember visiting Sheppard Air Force Base in MAC's district with him a couple of years ago and being taken aback by the look of admiration and appreciation on the faces of those airmen we encountered who knew of MAC's incredible advocacy on their behalf.

It is appropriate that the National Defense Authorization Act that just passed both Chambers of Congress carries his name—the MAC THORNBERRY National Defense Authorization Act. There could not be a more fitting tribute to the countless ways our friend from Clarendon has improved our great country.

I want to thank MAC for his incredible leadership, as well as his service and his friendship over the years. The halls of Congress won't be the same without him, but I know he is eager to spend more time with his wonderful wife Sally and the rest of their extended family.

MAC has done what we all aspire to do, and that is to leave Congress better

than he found it, and I thank him on behalf of all Texans for the true patriot that he is.

TRIBUTE TO WILL HURD

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, as we like to say, everything is a little bit bigger in Texas than the rest of the country, and that is true not only of MAC's district but also the largest congressional district represented by another one of our departing colleagues, WILL HURD. WILL was a former CIA officer when he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2014. One Texan aptly observed: “He has been running a marathon like a sprint for seven years.”

I think WILL's last congressional race he won by 900 votes in this sprawling border district.

His expertise is in cyber security, as well as intelligence matters. He has helped steer our efforts to bolster our national security, counterterrorism, and strengthen our intelligence community and capacity.

Considering his district includes 800 miles of our southern border, you can imagine that he has been a strong advocate for our border communities. We have worked together on cross-border trade, modernizing our ports of entry, and ensuring communities along the border are safe and prosperous.

We have also been working together on establishing a national museum of the American Latino here in Washington, and I hope we will be able to push this authorization bill over the line here in the coming days.

Unlike some folks whom we meet in Washington who seem to be all talk and who never seem to listen, WILL understands the importance of sitting down for a conversation with his constituents and actually listening to what they have to say. He launched the highly popular “DC to DQ tour,” where he met with constituents at local Dairy Queens in all 29 counties in his district in only 5 days.

For everything from healthcare to education, to veterans affairs, Texans can sit down with their Congressman and have a real conversation about the things that counted for the most in their lives and the things they would like to see him pursue on their behalf here in Washington, DC.

I would hate to know how many Blizzards WILL ate during that time, but these conversations certainly drove his policymaking and ensured the people of the Texas 23rd were truly heard here in Congress.

Last year, WILL and I both took part in San Antonio's annual Martin Luther King, Jr., March, which is one of the largest in the country. WILL happens to be the only Black Republican in the House of Representatives and has become a trusted voice for those whose experience and ideas are too often overlooked or underrepresented.

That has been especially true over the last several months, when we have