

impact on the American people and on this country as a whole. Greg Dotson is one of those exceptional people. He has emerged as an invaluable leader in the effort to address the urgent threat of climate change and has dedicated his life to that vital calling.

Greg first joined this mission as a staffer to Congressman Henry Waxman in 1996. Greg followed Congressman Waxman to the House Oversight Committee and, later, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which Henry led.

During his nearly 20 years in the House, Greg Dotson helped lead a team that produced the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, a landmark, comprehensive climate change and energy bill that passed the House of Representatives in June of 2009.

He has worked on a number of major legislative achievements, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; the Energy Policy Act of 2005; the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, and many, many more. Greg also spearheaded vital congressional oversight and investigative efforts with environmental significance, including high-profile inquiries into political interference with climate science, the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, and the energy market abuses of Enron.

After his illustrious service in the House of Representatives, Greg went on to share his wisdom and passion with young people who are eager to follow in his footsteps and protect our planet. In 2017, he became a professor in environmental policy at the University of Oregon's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center, a role which has enabled him to take the lessons of his congressional service and use them to help inform the next generation of legal scholars and environmentalists.

It was from there that he came to the Environment and Public Works Committee in early 2021, when I was becoming chairman of the committee. When we began a new Congress that year with a new Senate majority and a new President who was committed to action on addressing climate change and our Nation's infrastructure needs, while creating lots of jobs, we knew that EPW needed a seasoned, thoughtful counsel who could help guide our committee through this historic time. Greg was just the man for the job.

As chief counsel, he played an invaluable role in helping negotiate and craft the transformational bipartisan infrastructure law enacted last year, working to find common ground with our Republican colleagues and including remarkably strong climate investments in our infrastructure legislation. He also led the charge on efforts to boost electric vehicle infrastructure, clean up our air and our water, and protect communities who are facing the worst consequences of our climate crisis.

In addition, Greg played a leading role in efforts to boost the clean energy revolution for our automotive industry. He worked with me to lay out a vision for how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could adopt standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the automotive industry and eliminate tailpipe pollution from new cars by 2035.

The letter we ultimately sent to EPA Administrator Michael Regan was met with applause from both auto manufacturers and environmental groups alike. And as someone who has been here a few years, that doesn't happen every day.

A few months after we unveiled our proposal, the Biden administration followed up by announcing a new plan that adopted our recommendations for how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars, from trucks, while embracing zero-emission vehicles.

And by calling for half of the new vehicles sold in the United States to be zero-emission vehicles by the year 2030 and adopting a multipollutant approach—as we recommended—our Nation will reap major health benefits for millions of Americans while accelerating market trends to the clean cars of the future.

This was Greg's vision, and it will remain his legacy for years and years to come. And just a few weeks ago, Greg was here on the Senate floor with Mary Frances Repko, myself, and others on our team, our colleagues as well—on the floor for the crowning achievement of his decades of government service on climate crisis: the Inflation Reduction Act. Greg's countless hours of work were on that landmark bill and were critical to making possible the largest investment in climate in our Nation's history.

Let me just say that again, the Inflation Reduction Act. Greg's countless hours of work were on that landmark bill, and they were critical to making possible the largest investment—the largest investment—in climate in our Nation's history.

He didn't stop there either, going on to work tirelessly on the methane emissions reduction program—methane is many, many times more harmful than carbon dioxide with respect to climate—an initiative that will have significant impact in our efforts to combat the threat of climate change and safeguard our planet for future generations.

Throughout all of his dedicated service to our Nation and the environment, Greg has been just as committed to his family. All of us here in the Senate and, indeed, our Nation as a whole are grateful to his wife Janine and to their two children, Dahlia and Bryce. I believe they are today in Oregon, at their home in Oregon. We want to thank them, the three of them, for generously sharing with us the time and extraordinary talents of their husband and their father.

And when he wasn't here in Washington, DC, working tirelessly to make

history and improve the lives of the American people, Greg was at home in an equally important role as husband and dad. Those are maybe the two most important roles that all of us can hope for ourselves, and we also hope that he can now begin to devote even more time to them in the days ahead.

Greg's public service follows his own family legacy. His father was a Navy man, like my own dad and many of my uncles. That dedication to the greater good, to the betterment of society, which ran through his family, is a beautiful family legacy that Greg continues today.

I am deeply grateful—I am deeply grateful—for his sage counsel and know that he will continue to make this world a better place as he returns to teach at the University of Oregon.

And so, in closing, I say to Greg something that we like to say in the Navy when people do extraordinary things with their lives. We say: Bravo Zulu, Bravo Zulu. So, Greg, to you and your family, Bravo Zulu.

Thank you, my friend. I bid you fair winds and following seas as you prepare to set off on the next set of adventures that lie ahead. And I know that many Members of Congress, along with their staffs, both past and present, join me in this salute.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 7900

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that upon the conclusion of morning business on Tuesday, October 11, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 467, H.R. 7900.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the next rollcall vote will be on Tuesday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m.

While we have accomplished a great deal so far, more than any Congress in recent memory—and we all should be proud of what we have accomplished—we still have much to do and many important bills to consider. Proceeding to the NDAA will save us valuable time, enabling us to get more done. But Members should be prepared for an extremely—underline “extremely”—busy agenda in the last 2 months of this Congress.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, when I made the announcement for the information of Senators, I said we will return—the next vote, rollcall vote, will be on November 14 at 5:30 p.m. That is correct, but that is a Monday, not a Tuesday.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

#### AMENDING THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUSPEND TEMPORARILY RATES OF DUTY ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN INFANT FORMULA BASE POWDER USED IN THE MANUFACTURING OF INFANT FORMULA IN THE UNITED STATES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate execute the order with respect to H.R. 8982.

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

Under the previous order, H.R. 8982, having been received from the House and the text of the bill being identical to the text of the introduced bill, the bill is considered read a third time.

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

The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 8982) was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

##### TRIBUTE TO JACQLYN SCHNEIDER

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my longtime staff member Jacqlyn Schneider.

After more than 11 years by my side in the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, Jacqlyn is starting a new chapter in her professional career. I have absolutely no doubt that she will excel in everything that she does because that is the kind of person Jacqlyn is.

In 2011, when I first became chairwoman of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, Jacqlyn joined my team as a senior professional staff member, and I was so lucky that she did.

She had been working for a Congressman from California, but she was from Michigan, and so it was great to get this Michigan native working for our State again. And it was great to have a fellow redhead on the Agriculture Committee. She quickly became a crucial part of my team.

One of the first things you learn about Jacqlyn is that she is tough. You definitely don't want her to be on the opposite side of the negotiating table

from you, and I am really lucky she was on my side of the table.

I will challenge you to find anyone who better understands agricultural issues, the breadth of agricultural issues, but, in particular, nutrition.

Jacqlyn is a relentless advocate—a relentless advocate—for nutrition policies that benefit children, seniors, families. She played a huge role in our passing the 2014 Farm Bill and the 2018 Farm Bill, which has, frankly, led to many successes now, even in implementing those provisions that President Biden has done. Many of those we celebrated yesterday at a White House conference on hunger, nutrition, and health.

She is not just technically knowledgeable, she is also unflappable and politically savvy. America's ag producers and American families have benefited enormously from her dedication and her hard work.

Some of the fondest memories I have of Jacqlyn are from our 2014 trip to Africa. It was women members of the Agriculture Committee and a number of other women Senators—the first, and I think maybe to this day, the only all-women Senators codel that has been done in the U.S. Senate.

Over the course of 10 days, we visited five countries on two continents. Many of our stops were in very rural areas, where we met with women farmers. It was very inspiring.

The codel focused on food security, global hunger, empowering women and girls, as well as agricultural trade. Given her deep knowledge of and passion for these issues, Jacqlyn was an amazing resource for our Senate delegation.

Jacqlyn, thank you so much for your dedication and years of hard work on behalf of American agriculture and American families, and—I have to say—particularly on behalf of Michigan. I am going to miss you as part of the team, and I wish you incredible success and happiness in your new venture.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1130.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 Executive Calendar No. 1130, Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Charles E. Schumer, Raphael G. Warnock, Tim Kaine, Sherrod Brown, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tina Smith, Angus S. King, Jr., John W. Hickenlooper, Cory A. Booker, Christopher Murphy, Amy Klobuchar, Benjamin L. Cardin, Edward J. Markey, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Alex Padilla, Catherine Cortez Masto, Gary C. Peters.

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call for the cloture motion filed today, September 29, be waived.

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

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 732, 735, 762, 1038, 1107, 1121, 1122, 1124, 1125, 1170, 1139, 1140, 1167, 1168, 980, 981, 1109, and 1112; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the following nominations en bloc: Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2026. (Reappointment); Timothy Baker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring