

## 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 senior assistant 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. 179, David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Charles E. Schumer, Joe Manchin III, Thomas R. Carper, Mazie K. Hirono, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tammy Baldwin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Peter Welch, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Tina Smith, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Tammy Duckworth, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Ray Lujan.

## 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. 26.

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 Dale E. Ho, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Christopher A. Coons, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tina Smith, Christopher Murphy, Mazie K. Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan, John W. Hickenlooper, Sheldon Whitehouse, Catherine Cortez Masto, Brian Schatz, Gary C. Peters, Alex Padilla, Michael F. Bennet.

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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. 81.

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 Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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The senior assistant 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. 81, Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Charles E. Schumer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sherrod Brown, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tammy Baldwin, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Tina Smith, Jeff Merkley, Gary C. Peters, Jeanne Shaheen, Mazie K. Hirono, Tim Kaine, Brian Schatz, Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard Blumenthal, Jack Reed.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, June 1, be waived.

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

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, for rollcall vote No. 133. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on confirmation for Darrel James Papillion,

of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Mr. President, I was absent on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, for rollcall vote No. 134. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 45, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans".

Mr. President, I was absent on Thursday, June 1, 2023, for rollcall vote No. 135. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on H.J. Res. 45, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans".

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 133, Confirmation of Darrel Papillion of LA to be U.S. District Judge. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 134, Motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 45. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 135. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay. Joint Resolution, H.J. Res. 45, forces Federal student loan borrowers across Colorado to repay payments and interest and retroactively disqualify months of credit towards Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Income-Driven Repayment Forgiveness Programs.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## RECOGNIZING CLASSROOM CLINIC

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Classroom Clinic of Carroll, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Psychiatric nurse practitioner Sue Gehling founded Classroom Clinic in 2019 to help with the mental health needs of children attending schools in rural Iowa. Sue spent most of her life in rural Iowa and saw firsthand the opportunities to serve her community by addressing mental health needs while working at a clinic in Carroll. Classroom Clinic provides rural school districts with the ability to serve students using a telehealth model. Since 2019, Classroom Clinic has worked with four districts, including seven schools,

and has provided mental health care services to over 250 Iowa students.

In October 2022, founder Sue Gehling received the Iowa School Mental Health Hero Award. The award honors a practitioner, researcher, educator, or community partner for their defining contribution to school mental health in Iowa. Additionally, Classroom Clinic was chosen as the winner of the Small Business Development Center Iowa's statewide August Small Business of the Month award due to their contributions to the community. Today, Classroom Clinic is striving to reach more students across Iowa to have a more positive impact within these students and families' lives.

Classroom Clinic's commitment to providing mental health services in Iowa is clear. I want to congratulate Sue Gehling, and the entire team at Classroom Clinic for their continued dedication to providing students from rural Iowa with the additional mental health services and resources they need. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MABEL HASHISAKA

● Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, later this month, on June 14, we will welcome Hawaii businesses to our Nation's Capital for the seventh annual Hawaii on the Hill. These businesses will have an opportunity to hear from government leaders, Federal officials, policy experts, and others about the important issues facing small businesses and entrepreneurs in the United States. The businesses will also have an opportunity to showcase their products and share what we have to offer from the Aloha State.

Since the inaugural event in July 2014, Hawaii on the Hill has been very successful. But such success would not be possible without the dedication, commitment, and hard work of business owners from our State, who make this event possible every year. We are excited to welcome them back to Washington, DC, for the first time since the pandemic. Recognizing this dedication, I would like to acknowledge one particular business owner who has been with us since the very beginning: Mabel Hashisaka, of Kauai Kookie.

Mabel's story is pretty remarkable. Her father immigrated from Japan to Hawaii in 1905. She was born in Lihue, Kauai, and graduated from Waimea High School in 1946. At a time when many girls did not go to college, Mabel attended the University of Hawaii, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology, and then attended Indiana University, where she graduated with a master's degree in education. She was then a school teacher on Hawaii Island for many years.

In 1965, she decided Kauai needed more "omiyage"—or gifts that visitors could bring back to share with their family and friends—so she started Kauai Kookie. She began by making

chocolate macadamia nut shortbread cookies and serving them on the side of plate lunches at the Big Save grocery store that her father owned. The cookies gained popularity, and soon, customers were coming in just for the cookies. Mabel purchased a used stove and oven from another Hanapepe business for \$100 and hired a few employees. Kauai Kookie was born.

More than 50 years later, Kauai Kookie remains a Kauai community staple. During the pandemic, the company delivered food to families in need with their "Souper Sundays" program and provided "Kookies for Heroes" to first responders on the front line.

Kauai Kookie now bakes over 50,000 cookies and other baked goods each day and also offers salad dressings and marinades. It has two locations on Kauai, the original factory in Hanapepe and the bakery and cafe in Kalaheo. Kauai Kookie products can be found throughout Hawaii, in specialty stores in the continental United States, and overseas. The products are made with some of the finest "Made-In-Hawaii" products like macadamia nuts, Kona coffee, and Kauai Makaweli poi. Kauai Kookies originally came in eight island flavors—Kona Coffee Macadamia, Chocolate Chip Macadamia, Peanut Butter, Guava Macadamia, Coconut Krispies, Cornflake Crunch, Macadamia Nut Shortbread, and Almond—but have since expanded to many more varieties and flavors.

Mabel claims that she is not a baker and that her philosophy has always been to hire someone smarter than her to help with the business. But despite her humble approach, it is clear she has built something truly impressive that has an important place in the community. Today, she still lives on Kauai with her husband Norman and her two daughters Ann and Ruth, who lead the company. So even to this day, her legacy continues.

Mahalo, Mabel, for your contributions to our State as a recognized business leader. You continue to inspire all of us to "just do it."●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHELINE NADER

● Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, every year, Fairleigh Dickinson University in my home State of New Jersey honors its heritage and history by bringing together alumni, friends, and partners to celebrate Charter Day. It is a wonderful tradition on campus, often requiring months of planning in advance by a legion of dedicated staff, all to recognize the people and the places that make FDU a shining beacon for the Garden State.

Today, on this year's Charter Day, it brings me great pleasure to join the Fairleigh Dickinson community as they recognize the esteemed author, entrepreneur, and philanthropist: Ms. Micheline Nader. As a member of the FDU board of trustees, Ms. Nader is tasked with providing sage counsel to the university's leadership, including

its president, Dr. Michael Alvaltroni. However, in addition to her duties as a trustee, Ms. Nader is a testament to the different ways that one can answer the call to serve. Ms. Nader began her legendary career as a trail-blazing hospital administrator who, in addition to her business acumen, successfully translated her experience into a second calling as a writer helping support others. In both of these roles, she has helped individuals overcome obstacles, unlock their potential, and achieve long-lasting wellness and success.

Ms. Nader is a visionary leader who has never let anything slow her down. After all, it was her drive that led her to found the Blue Dolphin Healthcare Group, a pioneering chain of nursing homes that give seniors the care, support, and fulfillment they need to enjoy retirement. Her best-selling books have also provided guidance for others to leverage their passions to foster personal growth and create social impact.

From founding and leading her own company to currently serving as president of her family nonprofit, Ms. Nader is an inspiration for New Jerseyans everywhere. In addition to serving on the Fairleigh Dickinson University's board of trustees and on the advisory board of the Silberman College of Business, Ms. Nader is a staunch advocate for the next generation of leaders. Her mantra of LEAP—lean, execute, align, and program—has been used countless times by leading figures to transcend the past and create a new future.

I join her family, friends, loved ones and her devoted husband Dr. Francois Nader, in thanking Micheline for her many years of service to New Jersey and the communities who call it home. It is my distinct honor to submit this recognition into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that it may stand the test of time alongside her numerous contributions and accomplishments.●

#### RECOGNIZING FANCY PANTS BOUTIQUE

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho small businesses are the backbone of our great State's economy. These small businesses deserve to be celebrated for their great work in preserving the values unique to our communities. I am proud to relaunch Support Local Gems, a statewide initiative, on June 9, to encourage Idahoans to support the small businesses that make the Gem State special. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Fancy Pants in Boise as one of Idaho's Small Businesses of the Month for June 2023.

Fancy Pants was established in 2006 in the heart of downtown Boise. Owners Courtney Holden and Jaime Petrilli created a space unlike any other boutique. Their vision was a shop featuring the best pieces your favorite brands have to offer, accompanied with styling advice and shopping assistance.