

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. 141, David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Charles E. Schumer, Catherine Cortez Masto, Sherrod Brown, Jack Reed, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, Michael F. Bennet, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Mazie Hirono, Tim Kaine, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Patty Murray, Tammy Duckworth, Margaret Wood Hassan.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 21.

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 Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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. 21, Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, July 10, be waived.

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

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 Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

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. 178, Xochitl Torres Small, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Charles E. Schumer, Gary C. Peters, Tammy Baldwin, Patty Murray, Tim Kaine, Christopher Murphy, Debbie Stabenow, Alex Padilla, Elizabeth Warren, Tina Smith, Brian Schatz, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mark R. Warner, Martin Heinrich, Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard J. Durbin, Raphael G. Warnock.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Xochitl Torres Small, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 79, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 173 Ex.]

YEAS—79

Baldwin	Collins	Graham
Bennet	Coons	Grassley
Blumenthal	Cornyn	Hagerty
Booker	Cortez Masto	Hassan
Boozman	Cotton	Heinrich
Braun	Cramer	Hickenlooper
Britt	Crapo	Hirono
Brown	Cruz	Hoeben
Budd	Daines	Hyde-Smith
Cantwell	Duckworth	Kaine
Capito	Ernst	Kelly
Cardin	Feinstein	Kennedy
Carper	Fetterman	Klobuchar
Casey	Fischer	Lankford
Cassidy	Gillibrand	Lee

Lujan	Padilla	Tuberville
Lummis	Peters	Van Hollen
Markey	Reed	Warner
Marshall	Rosen	Warnock
McConnell	Rounds	Warren
Menendez	Sanders	Welch
Merkley	Schumer	Whitehouse
Moran	Sinema	Wicker
Mullin	Smith	Wyden
Murphy	Stabenow	Young
Murray	Tester	
Ossoff	Thune	

NAYS—8

Blackburn	Paul	Scott (FL)
Hawley	Rubio	Vance
Johnson	Schmitt	

NOT VOTING—13

Barrasso	Ricketts	Shaheen
Durbin	Risch	Sullivan
King	Romney	Tillis
Manchin	Schatz	
Murkowski	Scott (SC)	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 79, the nays are 8.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

NATO

Mr. SCHUMER. First, a few words on just a good recent development. We have just heard that Sweden will be allowed to join NATO, that Mr. Erdogan has released his hold, and that Sweden will be joining NATO.

The fact that Sweden is joining NATO is great news for the West. It strengthens the Western alliance significantly, and it shows Mr. Putin that the West is strong, united, and growing stronger against his aggression in Ukraine.

Any thought that the West is giving up, any thought that the West is divided, is shown to be false by today's development of Sweden joining NATO and of Turkey relenting.

So this is good news for freedom. This is good news against the forces of autocracy, and it is very good news for a strong Western alliance.

I want to salute President Biden, who has worked so much in the foreign policy sphere—as well as domestic—but speaking about the foreign policy sphere, he has done so much to advance the United States' interests. He has a real grasp of it, a real handle on it, and is very effective. This is victory for America, for the West, for freedom, and for President Biden.

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.

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No.

173, motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Xochitl Torres Small to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea. •

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE IN SMALL TOWN IOWA: FROM DUISBERG TO DANVILLE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, it is no secret this U.S. Senator loves history. I like to learn about history, talk about history, and preserve history. I am Iowa proud today to share a community's efforts to preserve history in my home State.

Next month, a small farming town located 13 miles west of the Mississippi River will welcome a poignant relic from World War II to its local museum. An authentic rail cattle car used in the Holocaust has been meticulously refurbished in Duisberg, Germany, and is being shipped to Danville, IA.

This story begins in 1939 when a local teacher named Miss Birdie Mathews organized an international pen pal exchange for her class. She gave her students a list of names from which to write a letter. Two of her students chose another pair of sisters who lived across the world in Amsterdam: Anne and Margot Frank. Juanita and Betty Wagner wrote to the Frank sisters about life on an Iowa farm. Anne Frank's letter to Juanita is dated April 29, 1940, and she also enclosed a picture card of the Amsterdam canals. Margot's letter to Betty is dated April 27, 1940. She wrote "having a frontier with Germany and being a small country we never feel safe."

Less than 2 weeks after these letters were written, Germany invaded the Netherlands. The Wagner sisters later recalled fearing they would never hear from their new pen pals again. Of course, history tells us the Frank sisters perished in a concentration camp in Bergen-Belsen.

When the war ended in May 1945, Betty wrote to the Frank's Amsterdam address. Their father Otto Frank survived his imprisonment in Auschwitz and responded to her letter. He explained what happened during the war and about the family's time in hiding in the attic in Amsterdam. That is when the Wagner sisters learned their pen pals were Jewish.

The Frank letters were donated to the Simon Wiesenthal Center which gave permission to the museum in Danville to display digital images of the letters. Danville Station also includes a replica of the attic where the Frank family lived in hiding and other artifacts that memorialize the historic connection between the Frank and Wagner sisters.

The museum's curator is Janet Hesler, a lifelong resident of Danville. Her father served in World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in the Battle of the Bulge. He was among the American forces who liberated the concentration camp in Dachau on April 29, 1945.

People from around the world have visited Danville Station. Here they bear witness to this Iowa community's commitment to never forget and to keep shining a light on history. From my years in public office representing the people of Iowa, I certainly appreciate the can-do spirit at the grassroots. The museum curator, Janet Hesler, was the driving force behind efforts to expand the museum's exhibit to include a rail car used to transport Jewish people during the Holocaust.

Janet worked with Dr. Ruthie Eitan, Claudia Korenke, and Bernhard Mertens to fulfill her mission to find one. The restoration of the rail car was managed by Martin Kaufmann at Die Schmiede in Duisberg.

The people of Danville have worked to raise funds \$1 at a time to help pay for the restoration and shipping of the rail car. They also are working to collect 1.5 million postcards from around the world to honor the number of children who perished in the Holocaust.

I applaud the tenacious efforts and support of local civic and religious leaders to help make this happen, including Allan Ross, who leads the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities. Anyone who visits or donates are helping to preserve history, build community, and strengthen civic engagement, cornerstones of a strong society.

Without a doubt, this restored, authentic rail car will serve as a profound reminder about the atrocities of the Holocaust. We must learn from history to avert the mistakes of the past. Never again can society ignore religious intolerance. The community of Danville is heeding the advice of Simon Wiesenthal, who survived the Holocaust and brought 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice. In his words, "Antisemitism did not die with Hitler in his Berlin bunker in 1945."

By bringing this rail car across the world to Danville, this Iowa community is bringing a piece of history to life so that our children and grandchildren can learn from history for a more peaceful, just future.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 23-47, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$5.9 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER,

(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-47

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Canada.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$3.9 billion.
Other \$2.0 billion.
Total \$5.9 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under-Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to sixteen (16) P-8A Patrol Aircraft

Up to twenty-six (26) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System 5 (MIDS JTRS 5)

Up to thirty-eight (38) Embedded Global Positioning Systems (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGIs) for the LN-251

Up to twenty-five (25) System Processor Replacements for AN/AAQ-24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) System Processor Replacement (LSPR) with Exelis Embedded GPS Receiver (EGR) integrated with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM)

Up to twenty-two (22) Guardian Laser Transmitter Assemblies (GLTA) for the AN/AAQ-24(V)N

Non-MOE: Also included are commercial engines; Tactical Open Mission Software (TOMS); Electro-Optical (EO) and Infrared (IR) MX-20HD; AN/AAQ-2 Acoustic System; AN/APY-10 Radar; AN/ALQ-240 Electronic Support Measures; NexGen Missile Warning Sensors; AN/ARC-210 RT-2036(C) Radios; AN/PRC-117G Manpack Radios including MPE-S type II with SAASM 3.7; AN/ALQ-213 Electronic Countermeasures; AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser Systems; AN/UPX-43 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Interrogators—; AN/APX-123A(V) IFF Digital Transponders; KIV-78 IFF Mode 4/5 Cryptographic Appliques; KIV-701A Cryptographic Core Modules; KY-100M, KY-58, KYV-5 for HF-121C radios; KG-175 Encryptor Network Convergence System; AN/PYQ-10 V3 Simple Key Loaders (SKL) with KOV-21 Cryptographic Appliques; Radiant Mercury Hardware and Software with ENTR(V)4 Receiver with Embedded Crypto for the Integrated Broadcast System (IBS); software; publications; Dual KIV-7M with Power Supply HFIP Channel Link Encryptor; Advanced Digital Antenna Production (ADAP) Antenna Electronics (AE); Advanced Digital Antenna Production (ADAP) Controlled Reception Pattern Antennas (CRPA); Control Interface Units (CIU) for AN/AAQ-24(V)N LAIRCM; aircraft spares; spare engines; support equipment; operational support systems; training; training