

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021.

#### 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. 253, Anna M. Gomez, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021.

Charles E. Schumer, Maria Cantwell, Margaret Wood Hassan, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, John W. Hickenlooper, Elizabeth Warren, Tammy Duckworth, Jeff Merkley, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie Hirono, Tina Smith, Edward J. Markey, Tim Kaine, Tammy Baldwin.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, July 27, 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. 146, 147, 149, 150, 152, 154, 210, 211, 213, 215, 218, 219, 221, 273, 277, 278, and 279; 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; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Eric W. Kneedler, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda; Hugo Yue-Ho Yon, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives; Kathleen A. FitzGibbon, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Niger; Martina Anna Tkadlec Strong, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior

Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Arab Emirates; Robin Dunnigan, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia; Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana; Ervin Jose Massinga, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Yael Lempert, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Julie Turner, of Maryland, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador; William W. Popp, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uganda; Matthew D. Murray, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC); Jennifer L. Johnson, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federated States of Micronesia; Bryan David Hunt, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone; Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau; Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino; Gerald H. Acker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; and Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the

United States International Development Finance Corporation (New Position)?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations: all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; 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 to any of the nominations; that the President be notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

PN599 AIR FORCE nominations (83) beginning JULIE L. AIRHART, and ending TERRI L. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2023.

PN696 AIR FORCE nominations (30) beginning JUSTIN V. AHRENS, and ending RYAN E. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

PN777 AIR FORCE nomination of Oliver E. Barfield, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN778 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning Ashley L. Shull, and ending Sean M. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN779 AIR FORCE nominations (73) beginning RONALD MARK ALLIGOOD, and ending MATTHEW DAVID WOOLUMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN780 AIR FORCE nominations (158) beginning BRIAN CHARLES ANDERSON, and ending JERRY WAYNE ZOLLMAN, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN839 AIR FORCE nomination of Ryan C. Boyle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN840 AIR FORCE nominations (359) beginning FEYSEL A. ABDULKAF, and ending NANCY M. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN841 AIR FORCE nominations (49) beginning SCOTT A. ABUSO, and ending ROBERT ZAVALA, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN842 AIR FORCE nominations (391) beginning NANLISHA T. ABDULLAI, and ending STEVEN ZIMMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN843 AIR FORCE nominations (160) beginning MATTHEW N. ALOMBRO, and ending GARRETT C. ZUPAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN844 AIR FORCE nominations (1201) beginning KEVIN B. ABBOTT, and ending KAITLIN E. ZITO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN845 AIR FORCE nomination of James H. Gutzman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN846 AIR FORCE nominations (53) beginning DANIELLE N. ANDERSON, and ending BRIAN J. WELCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN847 AIR FORCE nomination of Ryan C. Caguillo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN848 AIR FORCE nomination of Mary M. Gutierrez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN849 AIR FORCE nomination of Edward W. Hale, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

#### IN THE ARMY

PN781 ARMY nomination of Paul A. Stelzer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN789 ARMY nomination of Andrew R. Updike, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 2023.

PN791 ARMY nomination of Erica L. Kane, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 2023.

PN792 ARMY nominations (31) beginning JOSHUA T. ADE, and ending EVERETT E. ZACHARY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 2023.

PN850 ARMY nomination of Charles K. Djou, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN851 ARMY nomination of Nicholas C. Molczyk, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN852 ARMY nomination of David Hernandez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN853 ARMY nomination of Clydellia S. Prichard-Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN854 ARMY nomination of Espada J. Ruiz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

#### IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN283—1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (3) beginning Michael J. Fitzpatrick, and ending Thomas Laszlo Vajda, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 26, 2023.

PN356 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (5) beginning Christopher M. Cushing, and ending Ryan G. Washburn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2023.

PN357 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (30) beginning Maura E. Barry Boyle, and ending Jaidev Singh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2023.

PN495 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Ali Abdi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2023.

PN496 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Mark Petry, and ending Kimberly Sawatzki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2023.

PN737 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (100) beginning Ihuoma A. Akamiro, and ending Jeffrey Paul Lodinsky, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 30, 2023.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN783 MARINE CORPS nomination of Leron E. Lane, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN793 MARINE CORPS nomination of William M. Schweitzer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 2023.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN784 NAVY nomination of Andres S. Piscoya, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2023.

PN856 NAVY nominations (4) beginning MARY M. AYRES, and ending REBECCA M. RIEGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN857 NAVY nomination of Daniel I. Morrison, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN858 NAVY nomination of Alan A. Gutberlet, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN859 NAVY nomination of Guillermo M. Arguello, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN860 NAVY nomination of Christopher S. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN861 NAVY nomination of Kristopher M. Brazil, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN862 NAVY nominations (10) beginning JOSHUA P. CORBIN, and ending NATHAN S. WEMETT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN863 NAVY nominations (14) beginning NICHOLAS B. ARTABAZON, and ending SARA A. ZANITSCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN864 NAVY nominations (39) beginning MARY H. BAKER, and ending TRENT A. WARNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

PN865 NAVY nomination of Peter J. Maculan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2023.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

### REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. PHILLIP SWAGEL

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a joint letter from me, in my capacity as President pro tempore of the Senate, along with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, KEVIN MCCARTHY, regarding the reappointment of Dr. Phillip Swagel as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, July 21, 2023.

Pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and upon recommendations by the House and Senate Budget Committees, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate President pro tempore hereby appoint Dr. Phillip Swagel as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2027.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker, United States  
House of Representatives.*

PATTY MURRAY,  
*President pro tempore,  
U.S. Senate.*

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

### VOTE EXPLANATION

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 198, adoption of the Warnock amendment to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces (199). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 199, adoption of the Cruz amendment to provide remedies to members of the Armed Forces discharged or subject to adverse action under the COVID-19 vaccine mandate (421). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 200, adoption of the Wicker amendment to establish the Office of the Lead Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance (1055). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 201, adoption of the Paul amendment to provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to Ukraine for military, economic, and humanitarian aid (438). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 202, adoption of the Barrasso amendment to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, establish an HALEU for Advanced Nuclear