

January 6, 2021, the prosecution has requested testimony from a Senate witness.

In these cases, brought against Ryan Samsel and John Earle Sullivan, respectively, trials are expected to commence in late October, and the prosecution has requested testimony from Daniel Schwager, formerly counsel to the Secretary of the Senate, concerning his knowledge and observations of the process and constitutional and legal bases for Congress's counting of the electoral college votes. Senate Secretary Berry would like to cooperate with these requests by providing relevant testimony in these trials from Mr. Schwager.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, these resolutions would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Mr. Schwager, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 414, S. Res. 415, and S. Res. 416) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

S. 3041

Mr. MANCHIN. Madam President, on October 17, 2023, in a speech offered by Mr. COTTON on the Senate floor, Mr. COTTON erroneously indicated that I was not a cosponsor to S. 3041, a bill to reinstate certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran. Prior to Mr. COTTON's speech on October 17, 2023, I requested to be added as a cosponsor to S. 3041 and was added on that same day. Please let the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect this.

REMEMBERING JOYCE LEVITON

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, next week, on October 24, family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Joyce Leviton, a beloved member of my staff who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. I imagine it will be a rather large gathering because Joyce touched so many people. And while we grieve her death, the event will indeed be a celebration of her life, a life she lived brimming with contagious happiness and enthusiasm and kindness.

Joyce was born and raised in Baltimore and graduated from Forest Park High School and Towson University, earning her bachelor's degree in history in 1966. In 1970, she went to work for the Baltimore City Department of

Planning as a community planner for the Third District, a position she held until 1988, when she became chief of community planning. She excelled at her job because she loved it but, more importantly, because she loved people and she loved Baltimore. Joyce had a knack for bringing people together and giving them a voice in their communities and in the city. Everyone was Joyce's neighbor. As I said at the time of her death, "Joyce is Baltimore and she loved our community and wanted it to be the best it could possibly be, and always went the extra mile. When she spoke about Baltimore, it was from the heart. She was a person who made a difference."

I was fortunate to have Joyce work on my Senate campaign in 2006 and then join my staff as a trusted senior adviser and community liaison after the election. Joyce would organize groups of people from Baltimore and across the State and bring them to the Capitol for tours and luncheons and lectures. She met and worked with Maryland's arts and humanities and cultural organizations. She was my ambassador. Everyone I met—from all corners of Maryland, it seemed—already knew Joyce and was so fond of her.

The Baltimore Sun obituary referred to Joyce as a "political junkie." That is an understatement. Joyce started working on campaigns at an early age, and she never stopped. She was deeply involved from the national to the State to the local level. As the Sun noted, Joyce was one of the founders of the Second District New Democratic Club in the early 1970s "one of the first political groups that joined Black and white residents from across the city and resulted in integrated and progressive tickets for city and state elections."

Joyce was never content to rest on her laurels—or even rest at all. She was a member of the steering committee for the Baltimore City Fair and National Advisory Council of Neighborhood Reinvestment; a board member and vice president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association; a founder of Women Employed in Baltimore and Live Baltimore, an organization that encouraged people to move to Baltimore; a member of the National Organization for Women; executive secretary of Young Democrats of Baltimore; and an active member of Beth Am Synagogue. She formed or joined book clubs, and she loved to attend cultural events. Joyce was the epitome of a civic activist and absolutely committed to social justice, what we members of the Jewish faith call "Tzedakah"—making the world a fair and more just place—and "Tikkun Olam"—repairing the world. We are closer to that ideal because of Joyce.

Another one of Joyce's lifelong passions was the Baltimore Orioles. She moved to Otterbein in 1981. When Oriole Park at Camden Yards opened in 1992, she could walk to the stadium to

attend games, which she did—often. She was no casual fan. The regular season wasn't enough for Joyce; she enjoyed going to Sarasota to watch the team during spring training.

Joyce loved people, but she especially loved her family: her sisters Susan and Audrey and their husbands Jeffrey Lauren and Peter Martin. She doted on her nephews and nieces and their spouses, Jake (Stephanie Martin), Liz (Shai Lauros), and Josh (Taiari McKenzie) and their children: Max, Lucy, and Emma Martin; Reuben and Micah Lauros; and Lola Lauren. Extended family includes her cousin Neil Tucker, who was more like a brother to her, his wife Laura, and their children Michael, Molly, and Will. She loved to spend weekends and vacations with her family in Rehoboth Beach, Maine, and Vermont.

Everyone who knew Joyce will miss her, but we are all so grateful for the opportunity we had to share her friendship and love. And we are all so grateful for the indelible mark she made on Baltimore and across Maryland.

The Baltimore Sun had a lovely obituary, and I would ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

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

[From the Baltimore Sun, Jul. 27, 2023]

JOYCE E. LEVITON, FORMER BALTIMORE COMMUNITY PLANNING CHIEF, ACTIVIST AND CIVIC BOOSTER, DIES

(By Frederick N. Rasmussen)

Joyce E. Leviton, a political activist and civic booster who was chief of community planning for the Baltimore Department of Planning and later became a member of Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin's staff, died of cancer July 19 at Gilchrist Center in Towson. The longtime Otterbein resident was 78.

"Joyce is Baltimore and she loved our community and wanted it to be the best it could possibly be, and always went the extra mile," Sen. Cardin said. "When she spoke about Baltimore, it was from the heart. She was a person who made a difference. She touched so many lives in a genuine and special way."

Former City Council President Mary Pat Clarke said: "She meant the world to me and was the center of life itself and in all of its dimensions. The loss of Joyce is the loss of the center of life that no one can replace. Everywhere and everyone, she loved all comers."

"Joyce was ebullient, colorful, kind, a great listener and dedicated to public service," said Phoebe Stein, director of the Federation of State Humanities Councils and former executive director of Maryland Humanities, who was a longtime friend.

"She was very vibrant and curious about the world and took joy in her work and connecting with people. She lived life to the fullest, her family was her joy, and she was interested in everything that was going on in Maryland and particularly Baltimore."

Joyce Ellen Leviton, daughter of Max Leviton, a bacteriologist and manager at the Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Inc. distillery in Relay, and Goldie Bernstein Leviton, an administrative assistant for the state Department of Human Resources, was born in Baltimore and raised in Pimlico neighborhood.

She was a graduate of Forest Park High School and attended the University of Maryland, College Park before earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1966 from what is now Towson University.

"From an early age, Joyce didn't want to be politically like our parents. She was a progressive Democrat and wanted to fight for people," said a sister, Susan Leviton of Otterbein.

A political junkie from an early age, Ms. Leviton worked on Rep. Carlton R. Sickles' unsuccessful 1966 Maryland gubernatorial run, in which he narrowly lost the Democratic nomination to George P. Mahoney—a contest that had racial overtones.

Ms. Leviton was one of the founders in the 1970s of the Second District New Democratic Club, which was one of the first political groups that joined Black and white residents from across the city and resulted in integrated and progressive tickets for city and state elections.

"The success of that campaign led to future campaigns such as the Clarke/Dalton team, Mary Pat Clarke, Clarence H. 'Du' Burns, Nathan Irby, Maggie McIntosh, Anne Perkins and many others," according to a biographical profile submitted by Ms. Leviton's family.

She was a member of the national staff for George McGovern and John Kerry. In 2006, she was a volunteer coordinator and advance coordinator for Sen. Cardin's campaign. She attended five Democratic conventions.

If politics helped define who Ms. Leviton was, it was also her abiding love for Baltimore that shaped her long career with the city planning department.

Ms. Leviton joined the department as a 3rd District community planner in 1970, when it was headed by the legendary and visionary Larry Reich. She held this role until being appointed chief of community planning in 1988.

"She loved communities and liked getting neighbors involved and having a voice in the city. That's the theme of Joyce," her sister said. "She loved the city and was quite the ambassador for Baltimore. When new people came to town, she got them to move to the city and stay in the city."

"Joyce and I met at the planning department in 1971 when we were both assigned to review hundreds of zoning changes for the Planning commission under the recently adopted zoning code," Alfred W. Barry III, who retired as assistant planning director in 1995, wrote in an email.

"This work took her throughout the city and her interest in neighborhoods blossomed. From there she became the 3rd District community planner and subsequently chief of community planning, where she hired and mentored two community planners, Thomas J. Stosur and Chris Ryer, who later became planning directors," wrote Mr. Barry, the founder and president of AB Associates.

Said Mr. Stosur, who headed the department from 2009 until retiring in 2018: "First of all, Joyce was an incredible Baltimore booster and was so enthusiastic and brought that to her work with the planning department and was overjoyed to be a part of it."

"She said it was her 'favorite job ever,' and she was very good at developing relationships with neighborhoods and politicians. She was the combination of enthusiasm and honesty, and that's what was so impressive about Joyce. As a founding member of the New Democratic Club, her love and skill at community-based politics fed naturally into her successful role planning to ensure that city neighborhoods had a voice."

After working on Sen. Cardin's 2006 campaign, Ms. Leviton joined his Capitol Hill staff in 2007 as a senior adviser.

"When Joyce died, I heard from dozens and dozens of people from all walks of life who

had been touched by her," he said. "When she was given the diagnosis of cancer about a year ago, she still kept going and remained fully engaged. She was just a lovely person."

"Joyce's position on Sen. Cardin's staff could never summarize all that she did for the people of Maryland," said Phoebe Stein, director of the Federation of State Humanities Councils and former executive director of Maryland Humanities, who is a longtime friend.

"She had an amazing ability, a gift really, to bridge the D.C. and Baltimore, and many communities in between. Of course, she was at every Cardin event, but more amazingly, she was at every cultural event in Maryland that mattered to her and the senator."

"And when she arrived, she was informed, focused, smiling and authentically supportive. She knew the ins and outs of every cultural organization in Maryland. You will not find a smarter, kinder, more capable, more knowledgeable advocate for Maryland's cultural sector anywhere."

Said Mr. Barry: "Her role as an advance person for political campaigns came naturally. She could enter a room filled with strangers and leave with five invitations for dinner."

With the coronavirus pandemic coming in 2020, Ms. Leviton began working from Sen. Cardin's office and had not retired at her death.

Ms. Leviton cut a wide swath across numerous boards and commissions in the city, including serving as a member of the steering committee for the Baltimore City Fair and National Advisory Council of Neighborhood Reinvestment, and as a board member and vice president of Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

She was a founder of Women Employed in Baltimore and Live Baltimore, an organization that encouraged people to settle and stay in the city. She was also a member of the National Organization for Women, executive secretary of Young Democrats of Baltimore, and a member of Beth Am Synagogue, where she on the social action committee.

Being a resident of Otterbein since 1981 allowed Ms. Leviton to indulge her lifelong passion for the Orioles and walk to games at Camden Yards.

She was an integral part of the South Baltimore-Federal Hill social scene, where she had established a book club and enjoyed dining in restaurants and cafes.

An inveterate traveler, she enjoyed visiting Europe, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Maine and Vermont.

Plans for an autumn celebration of life gathering are incomplete.

In addition to her sister, Ms. Leviton is survived by another sister, Audrey Leviton of Homeland, and several nieces and nephews.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROGER AND BOBBI LOVEN

• Mr. CRAMER, Madam President, October is the month the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute—CCAI—recognizes individuals across the Nation who make a difference in the lives of young people in need of foster care and forever homes. My wife Kris and I are adoptive parents ourselves and share a commitment to adoption and foster care and applaud the work of the CCAI.

This year, I nominated Roger and Bobbi Loven of Bismarck as among

those honored this year as CCAI Angels in Adoption. I consider it a privilege to annually recognize the work of individuals and families in North Dakota who devote years toward loving children in the foster care system. Roger and Bobbi Loven began foster care when he was doing his anesthesiology residency in Omaha, NE, in the early 1980s. They took babies for up to 3 weeks before they were permanently placed with an adoptive family.

When they moved to Bismarck in 1984, they had already cared for 17 babies. In 1991, while raising three sons of their own, they became licensed foster care providers in North Dakota. Because Roger is a medical doctor, they were often contacted about babies coming out of NICU, including those born with drug addictions and recovering from withdrawal. They also took babies with physical injuries, including a 3-month-old with a skull fracture and broken bones in every extremity. Another 2-month-old had been sexually assaulted by the father. They adopted one foster daughter when she was 4 years old, and following high school graduation this year, she is attending college. In the 40 years since taking their first, they estimate they have cared for at least 85 children.

The Lovens enjoy contact with many families whose children they have fostered. And they mentor countless other adults new to foster care. A common concern is about getting so attached to the children it is hard to let them go. "There are many hard days with foster children, but the rewards are there too," says Roger. "Being able to see them thrive and learn to attach to others is worth it." They also are active in a group at their church where caregivers listen to and support each other in whatever challenges they are facing. "It's so important to remain positive," Bobbi says.

Roger retired in 2019 after 35 years as an anesthesiologist at Bismarck's St. Alexius Hospital. Although they talk about pulling back in the number of children they will take in the future, they continue to counsel others providing foster care and are in constant contact with NICU nurses who are well acquainted with this couple and their loving hearts.

I join all North Dakotans and the entire Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in congratulating and honoring Roger and Bobbi Loven. We thank you for your years of dedication and the work you continue to do fostering children in your home and inspiring others to also become involved. You are exceptionally deserving of recognition as Angels in Adoption. •

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY S. FINE

• Mr. CARDIN, Madam President, on October 26, the University of Baltimore Merrick School of Business Real Estate and Economic Development Advisory Board are hosting their annual "Lessons from Legends" celebration. This