

I urge my colleagues to vote for Admiral Franchetti's nomination.

NOMINATION OF GEN. DAVID W. ALLVIN

Also, we will be considering later on the nomination of Gen. David Allvin to be the next Chief of Staff for the Air Force. General Allvin is highly qualified for this role. As the current Vice Chief of the Air Force, he has helped lead the service through a critical period of modernization, and he is well positioned to continue that progress.

General Allvin is a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded at the squadron and wing levels, including the 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and he has held major staff assignments and served on the Joint Staff.

General Allvin has served as commanding general, NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan; commander of the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Afghanistan; commander of the 618th Air and Space Operations Center; and as vice director of strategy, plans, and policy of the Joint Staff.

This is a gentleman, an officer who has been in combat, who knows the rigors and demands of combat, and, like Admiral Franchetti, places his mission and his Air Force members ahead of any personal ambition. Prior to his current assignment, he was director of strategy, plans, and policy, J-5, on the Joint Staff. He is a command pilot who has more than 4,600 hours in over 30 aircraft, including 800 flight test hours and 100 hours flying in combat.

If confirmed, General Allvin will lead at a momentous time. Airpower is key to our strategic competition with China and other adversaries, and the entire Joint Force relies on the capabilities of the Air Force every day.

Again, I urge my colleagues to vote for General Allvin.

NOMINATION OF LT. GEN. CHRISTOPHER J. MAHONEY

Finally, I am proud to support the nomination of Lt. Gen. Christopher Mahoney to be promoted to four-star general and to be the Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. General Mahoney's promotion is well deserved and urgently needed.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Eric Smith, has been in the hospital this week after a serious medical emergency. I am wishing him a speedy recovery, and my thoughts and all of our thoughts are with his family at this difficult moment. He is a selfless servant of the marines who has given his all. At this moment, our prayers go out to General Smith and his family.

General Mahoney is a Marine fighter pilot. He has 5,000 hours of flight time. He has commanded at every level. He served on joint duty with other services. He has led with distinction and with diligence, again, with selfless service to his marines and to the Nation.

He is serving currently as the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources. He is an excellent candidate

for Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). The Senator from Connecticut.

MILITARY NOMINATIONS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am pleased to follow my colleague from Rhode Island and join him in urging confirmation of these highly qualified and experienced men and women to positions of great trust and responsibility in our military, but they are just a fraction of the total whom we have an obligation to confirm.

Rather than looking at the transcript of my remarks today, I urge my colleagues to view or read the record of last night. There were 3 to 4 hours of eloquence and intransigence—eloquence on the part of a number of our colleagues, including Senator GRAHAM, Senator YOUNG, Senator ERNST, and Senator SULLIVAN, seeking to persuade one Member of the U.S. Senate whose intransigence is preventing the Nation from having the benefit of military leadership that it needs and deserves.

Again and again and again, Senator TUBERVILLE objected to confirmation of individual nominees for the highest and most responsible position in our U.S. military. Make no mistake, he said repeatedly that he would permit those nominees to go forward as long as they were considered individually, and our colleagues gave him the opportunity to allow them to go forward. But he has continued to change the goalposts, to alter the conditions of approving their confirmation, simply because of a personal preference on policy that those nominees had nothing to do with. Our colleagues made that point repeatedly, as well as the damage to our national security that is resulting from his intransigence. Our military readiness is undermined. Morale is reduced. Recruitment is severely damaged. The health and well-being of military families, including, most prominently, the Commandant of the Marine Corps—our prayers are with him. Our hearts are with his family. We hope for General Smith's speedy recovery.

But, right now, our military is lacking the leadership that it needs in key positions around the world, and it is impacting not only their professional abilities but also their personal lives: kids going to school, selling homes. We are making life more difficult for men and women who serve and sacrifice to keep us safe.

As one of our colleagues said last night—and I am quoting—I think I am done with this. I hope this body will be done with the intransigence of the Senator from Alabama and move forward with a resolution. I am proud to say I participated in drafting it. It is narrowly tailored to fit this situation, applying only to this session, for key positions in our military that are essential to confirm, seeking to surmount the obstructionism that has gridlocked

and paralyzed this body in moving forward.

It is time to reform the rule. That time is, in fact, overdue. The regrettable illness of our Commandant, the threats around the world, in Israel and Ukraine, make it no longer a matter of choice. We must move forward with this draft resolution, and I hope my colleagues will recognize the importance of doing so.

As one of our colleagues on the other side said last night, this intransigence, this resistance to allowing the body to move forward and confirm these nominees is going to "wreck" the military. That is not some hypothetical fear; it is a real prospect that we need to avoid. The precedent of an individual Senator using a policy preference to stop confirmation is one that will potentially wreck this body's credibility and ability to move forward with key nominees for a variety of positions in the military and outside it.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 334, Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8033: to be Admiral.

Charles E. Schumer, Jack Reed, Alex Padilla, Tim Kaine, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen, Gary C. Peters, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher A. Coons, Catherine Cortez Masto, Richard Blumenthal, Mark R. Warner, Tammy Baldwin, Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Angus S. King, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Peter Welch.

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 the following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8033: to be Admiral, Adm. Lisa M. Franchetti, 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. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT)

would have voted "yea", and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea".

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 95, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 286 Ex.]

YEAS—95

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Paul
Barrasso	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Grassley	Reed
Blackburn	Hagerty	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Hassan	Risch
Booker	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Heinrich	Rosen
Braun	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Britt	Hirono	Rubio
Brown	Hoeven	Sanders
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Butler	Johnson	Schmitt
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Capito	Kelly	Shaheen
Cardin	Kennedy	Sinema
Carper	King	Smith
Casey	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lujan	Tester
Coons	Lummis	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Tuberville
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Cotton	McConnell	Vance
Cramer	Menendez	Warner
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Cruz	Moran	Warren
Daines	Mullin	Welch
Duckworth	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Ernst	Murray	Wyden
Fetterman	Ossoff	Young
Fischer	Padilla	

NAYS—1

Marshall

NOT VOTING—4

Lee	Scott (SC)
Scott (FL)	Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). On this vote, the yeas are 95, the nays are 1.

The motion is agreed to.

VOTE ON FRANCHETTI NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I know of no debate on the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Franchetti nomination.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 95, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Ex.]

YEAS—95

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Paul
Barrasso	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Grassley	Reed
Blackburn	Hagerty	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Hassan	Risch
Booker	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Heinrich	Rosen
Braun	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Britt	Hirono	Rubio
Brown	Hoeven	Sanders
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
Butler	Johnson	Schmitt
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Capito	Kelly	Shaheen
Cardin	Kennedy	Sinema
Carper	King	Smith
Casey	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lujan	Tester
Coons	Lummis	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Tuberville
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Cotton	McConnell	Vance
Cramer	Menendez	Warner
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Cruz	Moran	Warren
Daines	Mullin	Welch
Duckworth	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Ernst	Murray	Wyden
Fetterman	Ossoff	Young
Fischer	Padilla	

NAYS—1

Marshall

NOT VOTING—4

Lee	Scott (SC)
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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. 329, Gen. David W. Allvin for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9033: to be General.

Charles E. Schumer, Jack Reed, Alex Padilla, Tim Kaine, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen, Gary C. Peters, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher A. Coons, Catherine Cortez Masto, Richard Blumenthal, Mark R. Warner, Tammy Baldwin, Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Angus S. King, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Peter Welch.

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 the following named officer for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment in

the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9033: to be General, Gen. David W. Allvin, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "nay" and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 95, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 288 Ex.]

YEAS—95

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Paul
Barrasso	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Grassley	Reed
Blackburn	Hagerty	Ricketts
Blumenthal	Hassan	Risch
Booker	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Heinrich	Rosen
Braun	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Britt	Hirono	Rubio
Brown	Hoeven	Sanders
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schatz
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Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Capito	Kelly	Shaheen
Cardin	Kennedy	Sinema
Carper	King	Smith
Casey	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cassidy	Lankford	Sullivan
Collins	Lujan	Tester
Coons	Lummis	Thune
Cornyn	Manchin	Tuberville
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Cotton	McConnell	Vance
Cramer	Menendez	Warner
Crapo	Merkley	Warnock
Cruz	Moran	Warren
Daines	Mullin	Welch
Duckworth	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wicker
Ernst	Murray	Wyden
Fetterman	Ossoff	Young
Fischer	Padilla	

NAYS—1

Marshall

NOT VOTING—4

Lee	Scott (SC)
Scott (FL)	Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). The yeas are 95, the nays are 1.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 9033: to be General, Gen. David W. Allvin.

Mr. HEINRICH. I know of no debate on the nomination.