

think he was coming home. A lot of people didn't come home.

During his 6-hour layover on the ground in Anchorage to refuel before he went to Vietnam, he and his fellow soldiers sat at the airport bar. This is another great story. You can't make this up. After he sat down at the bar, the soon-to-be Alaska U.S. Senator Mike Gravel walked in and told the bartender:

Buy a drink for all these soldiers.

That is pretty cool, Senator for Alaska—about to become a Senator for Alaska, buys a round for the soldiers heading to Vietnam.

Gene thought to himself, If I live through this deployment, I am going to come back to Alaska. It is a pretty cool place; U.S. Senators buying you beers.

When he was in Vietnam and a battlefield memorial was required, Gene would fly out on a helicopter with a chaplain for the service. "Over there," he said, "I didn't know the names of half the people I played Taps for. I seldom knew their names [at all], but those 24 notes [in Taps] pulled on my heart all the same."

When Gene's Vietnam service ended 15 months later, he went to California, he said, in search of a beautiful woman he knew named Priscilla, whom he had met on his way to Vietnam. And like a good soldier, he accomplished the mission because Priscilla would later become his wife. Together, Gene stuck to the promise he had made for himself with Priscilla. They moved to Alaska in 1972. And Alaska, of course, benefited tremendously.

He joined the Carpenters Union and became a pilot driver, and his wife Priscilla was a CPA. They settled in the beautiful Mat-Su Valley. By the way, I will be heading there tomorrow and Saturday for Veterans Day services. They had a son. They had a nice life.

During this whole time, for 20 years, Gene, like so many veterans, did not talk about his service in Vietnam at all. Nobody he knew—he didn't talk to anybody about it. He kept it to himself. He did not want to relive the past.

It was not until 1999, during the funeral of a coworker and a close friend who served in World War II, that Gene took his trumpet back up and played "Taps" in 1999—the first time.

When he arrived at the funeral and asked: Hey, where is the bugler for the service, Gene was directed to a boom box—a boom box, just a recording. But as faith would have it, Gene had just picked up his trumpet from repair that day. He asked: Hey, instead of the boom box, can I sound "Taps" for my friend, the World War II veteran?

They said: Of course, do it.

Gene said this: It just goes against everything when I am at a funeral for a servicemember to leave "Taps" to a recording.

By the way, that is happening more and more as military bands get cut.

It was this experience that ignited Gene's passion for sounding "Taps" at

military funerals. Twenty years after his Vietnam service, 20 years since he had even talked about "Taps" and what he did in Vietnam, Gene began performing at veterans' funerals in Alaska and recruiting other trumpet players to join the ranks.

"It wasn't until I started playing Taps locally that I realized, you're never really out of the military," Gene said, "You are just one breath away from it. And every veteran deserves a live breath coming from a bugle [at his or her funeral]."

Playing "Taps" is emotional work, he said. You are not just sending off an individual veteran; you are sounding the call that has sent millions of veterans off to be buried for hundreds of years. You are sounding the mystic chords of memory that Abraham Lincoln spoke of:

[S]tretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this [great] land.

That is Abraham Lincoln.

Because of this, many buglers who have taken up this honor has said that "Taps" is the hardest 24 notes they will ever play, the hardest 24 notes you can play as a trumpeter. Gene has likely played them more times than anyone else in Alaska and—who knows—many more times than most people in America.

He said this:

Playing at Carnegie Hall would be nice. But for a trumpet player, I don't think there is a greater honor than sounding "Taps" for a soldier's final farewell.

Gene plays at dozens, sometimes hundreds, of funerals a year. He has logged in over 10,000 volunteer hours with the VA in Alaska. Let me repeat that, as we go into Veterans Day weekend: over 10,000 volunteer hours for the VA in Alaska. That is patriotism. That is patriotism.

He remembers all of them, but he has a distinct memory of sounding "Taps" at the funeral for a beloved young marine named Grant Fraser, one of the first Alaskans to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LCpl. Grant Fraser was an actor who loved the works of Homer and Shakespeare. He was a mountain biker, a skier, a pianist, a SCUBA diver, a rock climber, a tennis player. He was a light-hearted, mischievous U.S. marine. After the Marines, he was planning on coming back to Anchorage, his hometown, to work as a paramedic with the fire department.

Shortly after 9/11, like so many patriotic young Americans across our Nation, Grant surprised his family and friends when he announced he was joining the Marines. He served with Echo Company, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, in Anchorage, my old unit.

The battalion was later deployed to Iraq in 2005, and it was there, on a mission in Anbar Province on August 3, 2005, that Grant Fraser was killed in action and made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. He was 22 years old, not much older than the pages right here.

I went to LCpl Grant Fraser's burial here at Arlington National Cemetery, and, I will tell you, it was the most moving burial I have ever been to. Everybody from the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps on down and many, many Alaskans came to that funeral.

But there was also a funeral service for Grant in Anchorage, and this is the funeral that Gene Horner said was the most moving funeral he had ever been to, of the hundreds that he has played "Taps" for. He said that, first of all, the funeral was packed. It was like the entire town of Anchorage showed up.

And, for him, it brought back memories of young men and women sacrificing their lives in foreign lands. It brought back all of those battlefield funerals he had done in Vietnam, that he had played for, and all the funerals he had played in Alabama and all the funerals he would play for in Anchorage. It brought back battlefields and violence and heroism and sacrifice.

But on that August day in Anchorage, like he did in Vietnam, like he had done for so many others in Alaska and in Vietnam and in Alabama, Gene was there for one man: the young marine hero LCpl Grant Fraser. So he got that feeling in his stomach as he was sounding "Taps," the one he always gets at funerals and burials when he is sounding "Taps," the one that travels to his chest and makes it swell. He picked up his American Heritage Field Trumpet, took a breath, and sounded "Taps" for this young marine.

So, Gene, as we are coming into Veterans Day in Alaska, I want to thank you for your great service; I want to thank you for being there for literally hundreds, if not thousands, of veterans in Alaska and across our Nation. I am going to actually see you tomorrow at an event in the valley. And, of course, congratulations on one of the biggest honors anyone can achieve: being our Alaskan of the Week. Semper fi, Gene. Happy Veterans Day. See you tomorrow.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER). The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I first ask unanimous consent to use three easels rather than the two prescribed in Senate rules.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I am glad that I am rising after my colleague from Alaska because I am rising on behalf of a group of very special people and also in commemoration of three very special dates. The group of people are 364 nominations for military appointments who have been pending for months and months and months on the floor of the U.S. Senate; and I rise in their honor with the intention, in a few minutes, to begin offering unanimous consent motions so that they may finally be confirmed to the positions they have earned through their sacrifice in the uniform of this country.

I also rise to commemorate three special days: November 9, November 10, and November 11. November 9, today, is Military Day in Alabama, designated by Governor Kay Ivey about 10 days ago, recognizing the deep connection between Alabama and our Nation's military mission. Governor Ivey asked all who were veterans or in Active Duty to wear their uniforms today. She asked employers to encourage that to happen. And she said that this day—Thursday, November 9, 2023—in the State of Alabama should be a day where we commemorate our Active Duty and veterans.

When I saw that today had been designated Military Day in Alabama, I was interested in that, and I wondered whether that was the case in other States as well. It turns out, no, that it is not. I hope it might be a trend that other Governors pick up on in future years.

The second day that I want to acknowledge is tomorrow, November 10, which is the Marine Corps' 248th birthday. I offer this one with a little bit of parental pride because my oldest son was a marine infantry commander who is now a marine reservist.

The Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775, when, at the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia, there was enacted the creation of this corps of marines. And almost immediately, the effort began to recruit marines to fulfill the Continental Congress's mandate. And the recruitment began at a tavern, Tun Tavern, which is still commemorated in Philadelphia.

And then the final day is Veterans Day, which is set for November 11 every year. We commemorate it, when it is on a weekend, on the nearest weekday. So Veterans Day this year is going to be celebrated tomorrow, November 10.

Veterans Day has an amazing history as well. World War I hostilities ended on the eleventh hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. And so, a year later, Congress, President Wilson, acted to declare that November 11 would henceforth be a day to recognize the heroism of World War I veterans. It was originally Armistice Day.

Armistice Day then began to be celebrated as Armistice Day beginning in—it was first commemorated in 1921 with the burial of an unknown soldier from World War I at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. In 1954, by now, Armistice Day had been extended to celebrate all veterans of all wars, and the name of it was changed by Congress under President Eisenhower to Veterans Day.

And so we stand here today, on November 9, Military Day in Alabama. Tomorrow will be the Marine Corps' 248th birthday. And we will commemorate tomorrow and Saturday Veterans Day all across this country.

I said I was standing on behalf not only of three special days but also hundreds of special people. My colleague

and Armed Services colleague Senator TUBERVILLE of Alabama has, as is his right as a Senator, imposed a blockade on consideration in the normal course of business, pursuant to Senate practice, the confirmation of now 364 high-ranking military officials who have come through the Armed Services Committee.

Senator TUBERVILLE did not object to them coming through the committee, but he has placed a hold on these nominees on account of his disagreement with a Department of Defense policy that provides leave and travel authorities for military servicemembers and their families who must travel to seek noncovered reproductive healthcare, including abortion care, in vitro fertilization services, and others.

As of today, according to the Pentagon, 364 individuals are being held in this way. Huge numbers of these individuals are either in Virginia awaiting confirmation for new positions, in other States awaiting confirmation for positions that would move them to Virginia, or have had some of their military service in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I haven't done the math, but I would venture to suggest that this affects Virginians and future Virginians more than it might any other State.

And, to be plain, none of these 364 have anything to do with or any responsibility over the policy with which my colleague from Alabama finds significant disagreement.

My colleague and I disagree on the policy. That is the norm on the Senate floor. My colleague has had his opportunity to convince Armed Services Committee members that the policy is wrong and has failed to do so, and he has had the opportunity to bring it forward on the Senate floor and has failed to do so.

But these individuals are in a limbo that is very painful to them, and it is my hope that because my Senate colleague did not object to them when they were before the Armed Services Committee, he might see fit—on Military Day in Alabama and on the eve of commemorating the Marine Corps' 248th birthday and Veterans Day—to finally allow them to serve in the positions that they have earned.

And so, with that, Mr. President, I would like to quickly read a letter that we recently received from the American Legion, also timed around Veterans Day, and then move into an effort to seek by unanimous consent the confirmation of all 364 nominees pending before this body.

To begin—from the American Legion—this was a letter that came to us yesterday, no doubt timed because of the pendency of Veterans Day.

Dear Senate leadership: On behalf of our 1.6 million dues-paying members, The American Legion respectfully requests your timely attention to the hundreds of U.S. military vacancies awaiting confirmation. Your leadership and the resolve of your conferences to come together and end this blockade is vital to American national security and to preserving the lives of our men and women in

uniform. Failure to find a bipartisan solution to the continued political chess risks the lives of our servicemembers and the safety of our nation.

Since 1919, The American Legion has emphasized the importance of a strong national defense. A well-funded, well-equipped, and well-trained military plays a vital role in safeguarding the principles our nation holds dear. As U.S. troops are targeted in the Middle East and global tensions are on the rise, it is imperative leadership vacancies within our military are filled now! Our allies and adversaries are watching closely; inaction risks innumerable consequences.

The personal toll of confirmation purgatory extends far beyond uniformed candidates with uncertain promotions. U.S. servicemembers may pay the ultimate price if the perception of chaos continues to create opportunity for our adversaries. As we've seen in the past month alone, the Pentagon has reported more than 38 attacks against U.S. troops in the Middle East. While politicians continue to play games and use our servicemembers as pawns, their lives remain in harm's way and could be left paying the ultimate price.

The American Legion urges both conferences to come together to end the inaction holding our armed forces hostage. Your leadership is vital to protect our servicemembers, national security and our country.

For God and country, Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander, American Legion.

With that, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Calendar No. 46, Col. Leigh A. Swanson to brigadier general; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the Record; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I object.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 47, MG Sean A. Gainey to be lieutenant general.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 48, MG Heidi J. Hoyle to be lieutenant general.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 49, BG Laurence S. Linton to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 50, BG Stacy M. Babcock to be major general and COL Peggy R. McManus to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 51, Maj. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 52, MG Robert M. Collins to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 82, the following individuals nominated to be brigadier general: Col. David J. Berkland, Col. Amy S. Bumgarner, Col. Ivory D. Carter, Col. Raja J. Chari, Col. Jason E. Corrothers, Col. John B. Creel, Col. Nicholas B. Evans, Col. Bridget V. Gigliotti, Col. Christopher B. Hammond, Col. Leslie F. Hauck III, Col. Kurt C. Helphinstine, Col. Abraham L. Jackson, Col. Benjamin R. Jonsson, Col. Joy M. Kaczor, Col. Christopher J. Leonard, Col. Christopher E. Menuey, Col. David S. Miller, Col. Jeffrey A. Philips, Col. Erik N. Quigley, Col. Michael S. Rowe, Col. Derek M. Salmi, Col. Kayle M. Stevens, Col. Jose E. Sumangil, Col. Terence G. Taylor, Col. Jason D. Voorheis, Col. Michael O. Walters, and Col. Adrienne L. Williams.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 83, Col. Corey A. Simmons to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 84, Rear Admiral George M. Wickoff to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 85, Rear Admiral Frederick W. Kacher to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 86, the following group of individuals who have been nominated to be brigadier general: Col. Sean M. Carpenter, Col. Mary K. Haddad, Col. James L. Hartle, Col. Aaron J. Heick, Col. Joseph D. Janik, Col. Michael T. McGinley, Col. Kevin J. Merrill, Col. Tara E. Nolan, Col. Roderrick C. Owens, Col. Mark D. Richey, and Col. Norman B. Shaw, Jr.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 87, the following couple of individuals nominated to be brigadier general: Col. Kristin A. Hillery and Col. Michelle L. Wagner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 88, the following group of individuals nominated to be major general: Brig. Gen. Elizabeth E. Arledge, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Blake, Brig. Gen. Vanessa J. Dornhoefer, Brig. Gen. Christopher A. Freeman, Brig. Gen. David P. Garfield, Brig. Gen. Mitchell A. Hanson, Brig. Gen. Jody A. Merritt, Brig. Gen. Adrian K. White, Brig. Gen. William W. Whittenberger, Jr., and Brig. Gen. Christopher F. Yancy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 90, Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 91, Col. William F. Wilkerson to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 92, Col. Evelyn E. Laptook to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 93, Brigadier General Ronald R. Ragin—R-A-G-I-N—to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 94, the following group of individuals nominated to be brigadier general: COL Brandon C. Anderson, COL Beth A. Behn, COL Matthew W. Braman, COL Kenneth J. Burgess, COL Thomas E. Burke, COL Chad C. Chalfont, COL Kendall J. Clarke, COL Patrick M. Costello, COL Rory A. Crooks, COL Troy M. Denomy, COL Sara E. Dudley, COL Joseph E. Escandon, COL Alric L. Francis, COL George C. Hackler, COL William C. Hannan, Jr., COL Peter G. Hart, COL Gregory L. Holden, COL Paul D. Howard, COL James G. Kent, COL Curtis W. King, COL John P. Lloyd, COL Shannon M. Lucas, COL Landis C. Maddox, COL Kareem P. Montague, COL John B. Mountford, COL David C. Phillips, COL Kenneth N. Reed, COL John W. Sannes, COL Andrew O. Saslav, COL Charlene E. Stallworth, COL Jennifer S. Walkawicz, COL Camilla A. White, COL Scott D. Wilkinson, COL Jeremy S. Wilson, COL Scott C. Woodward, COL Joseph W. Wortham II, and COL David J. Zinn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 95, the following group of

individuals nominated to be brigadier general: Col. David R. Everly, Col. Kelvin W. Gallman, Col. Adolfo Garcia, Jr., Col. Matthew T. Good, Col. Trevor Hall, Col. Richard D. Joyce, Col. Omar J. Randall, and Col. Robert S. Weiler.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 96, rear admiral (lower half) for the following two individuals: CAPT Walter D. Brafford and CAPT Robert J. Hawkins.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 97, the following group of individuals nominated to be rear admiral (lower half): CAPT Amy N. Bauernschmidt, CAPT Michael B. Devore, CAPT Thomas A. Donovan, CAPT Frederic C. Goldhammer, CAPT Ian L. Johnson, CAPT Neil A. Koprowski, CAPT Paul J. Lanzilotta, CAPT Joshua Lasky, CAPT Donald W. Marks, CAPT Craig T. Mattingly, CAPT Andrew T. Miller, CAPT Lincoln M. Reifsteck, CAPT Frank A. Rhodes IV, CAPT Thomas E. Shultz, CAPT Todd E. Whalen, and CAPT Forrest O. Young.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 98, to be rear admiral (lower half): CAPT Brian J. Anderson and CAPT Julie M. Treanor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 99, two individuals nominated to be rear admiral: Rear Admiral (lh) Casey J. Moton and Rear Admiral (lh) Stephen R. Tedford.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 100, Rear Admiral (lh) Rick Freedman to be rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 101, Rear Admiral (lh) Kenneth W. Epps to be rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 102, the following group of individuals nominated to be rear admiral: Rear Admiral (lh) Stephen D. Barnett, Rear Admiral (lh) Michael W. Baze, Rear Admiral (lh) Richard T. Brophy, Jr., Rear Admiral (lh) Joseph F. Cahill III, Rear Admiral (lh) Brian L. Davies, Rear Admiral (lh) Michael P. Donnelly, Rear Admiral (lh) Daniel P. Martin, Rear Admiral (lh) Richard E. Seif, Jr., Rear Admiral (lh) Paul C. Spedero, Jr., Rear Admiral (lh) Derek A. Trinque, Rear Admiral (lh) Dennis Velez, Rear Admiral (lh) Darryl L. Walker, and Rear Admiral (lh) Jeromy B. Williams.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 103, CAPT Frank G. Schlereth III to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 104, the following pair of individuals to be nominated to be rear admiral (lower half): CAPT Joshua C. Himes and CAPT Kurtis A. Mole.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to the following individuals on Executive Calendar No. 105 to be rear admiral (lower half): CAPT Thomas J. Dickinson, CAPT Kevin R. Smith, CAPT Todd S. Weeks, CAPT Dianna Wolfson.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request

with respect to Calendar No. 106 to be major general: Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Harrell, Brig. Gen. Jeannine M. Ryder.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 107, Lt. Gen. James W. Bierman, Jr., to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 110, these individuals as a group nominated to be major general: Brig. Gen. Curtis R. Bass, Brig. Gen. Kenyon K. Bell, Brig. Gen. Charles D. Bolton, Brig. Gen. Larry R. Broadwell, Jr., Brig. Gen. Scott A. Cain, Brig. Gen. Sean M. Choquette, Brig. Gen. Roy W. Collins, Brig. Gen. John R. Edwards, Brig. Gen. Jason T. Hinds, Brig. Gen. Justin R. Hoffman, Brig. Gen. Stacy J. Huser, Brig. Gen. Matteo G. Martemucci, Brig. Gen. David A. Mineau, Brig. Gen. Paul D. Moga, Brig. Gen. Ty W. Neuman, Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Niemi, Brig. Gen. Brandon D. Parker, Brig. Gen. Michael T. Rawls, Brig. Gen. Patrick S. Ryder, Brig. Gen. David G. Shoemaker, Brig. Gen. Rebecca J. Sonkiss, Brig. Gen. Claude K. Tudor, Jr., Brig. Gen. Dale R. White.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 111, Maj. Gen. Bradford J. Gering, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 112, Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, there is no institution in the world I honor more than the U.S. military. I am thankful to every veteran all year long, not just on Veterans Day.

The Republican Party has been a pro-life party for half a century. We ought to be proud that we stand for life. We stand for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn.

Let me explain, again, why I am doing this and how we got here and where we go from here. Nine months ago, the Pentagon announced that they would start using taxpayer dollars to facilitate abortion. The Pentagon is now paying for travel and extra time—time off—for servicemembers and their dependents to get abortions.

Let me remind everybody, Congress never voted for this. We also never appropriated money for this. There is no law that allows this administration to do this. In fact, there is a law that says they can't do this. It is 10 U.S.C. section 1093. It says the only time the Pentagon can spend taxpayer dollars on abortion is in cases of rape, incest, and a threat to the life of the mom.

So this is a policy that is illegal and immoral. This is about life, and it is also about the rule of law. It is about our Constitution. It is about whether we make laws at the Pentagon or whether we follow the Constitution.

This is also about the integrity of our military. The only thing in this world I honor more than our military is the Constitution itself, one that we all swore to serve.

I also feel really strong about the obligation to do something about this when the Constitution is attacked. I cannot simply sit idly by when the Biden administration injects politics in our military and spends taxpayer money on abortion.

The only power that a Senator in the minority has is to put a nomination on hold—the only power. I am not the first person to do this. Holds on nominations happen all the time. Holds on military nominations happen and have happened many times before. Typically, they don't last long because the Senator gets what he wants and negotiates, and then doesn't get what he wants. That is not what happened this time. Abortion is so important to the Democrats that they have not negotiated with me—zero.

This has been a long 9 months for us all. Every day this continues is a day that my Democratic colleagues think abortion is more important than these nominations.

I support many of these nominees. I agree that they are very, very important jobs. But we could have been voting on these nominees the entire time. I am not blocking all of these at once. Vote on them one at a time.

I have been talking about that. The Senate has had more than 90 days off this year. Each nomination could take as little as 2 hours. We confirmed three just last week. The nominees at the very top ought to be voted on anyway. They are very, very important positions. These jobs are too important not to receive the advice and consent of this body, the U.S. Senate.

I respectfully disagree with my colleagues about the effect my hold has on the readiness of our military supposedly—not being able to be ready because of people not in positions. But not one of these jobs is unfilled as we

speak. Biden officials have been saying this for months, and nobody has explained to me what reasoning they come up with.

So the fact is, no jobs are going unfilled. Every job is being done. In fact, GEN Mark Milley, who just retired from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently that our readiness is the best it has been in years. Time and time again, generals and servicemembers have assured me that they are ready. I believe them.

I am going to keep my holds in place. If Senators want to vote on these nominees one at a time, I am all for it. I will keep my holds in place until the Pentagon allows me the opportunity to negotiate this change of law. This is about our Constitution, and it is about the right to life. They are some of the most important things in this world and very important to me.

For that, Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

MR. KAINE. Mr. President, before returning to Calendar No. 113, I want to respond briefly to my colleague from Alabama.

His position on abortion and reproductive rights is well known, but his claim that the Pentagon policy is unlawful is incorrect. In fact, there has been a policy in place since the Reagan administration that impacts directly upon the policy in the Pentagon.

The Senator from Alabama is correct that, except for limited exceptions, Federal funds may not be used to pay for abortions. That is true. We commonly call it the Hyde amendment, and I am a Hyde amendment supporter.

But, in the 1980s, the Reagan administration was confronted with an issue: What if women in prison—in the Bureau of Prisons—become pregnant and want to terminate a pregnancy? Could Federal funds be used to allow that pregnancy to be terminated?

The Reagan administration's Solicitor General analyzed the situation and said that the Hyde amendment would prohibit funding to procure the abortion, but Federal funds could be used to enable a prisoner to travel to medical care where she could make the choice to terminate a pregnancy.

Later administrations grappled with the same question with respect to Peace Corps volunteers. If a Peace Corps volunteer in a country that does not have reproductive rights access gets pregnant and wants to terminate a pregnancy in a way that is lawful in the United States but not where she is deployed, would the Hyde amendment allow Federal funds to be used?

And consistent with the Reagan administration's ruling, Federal policy has been that Federal funds can be used to enable this Peace Corps volunteer to travel, but the payment for the abortion itself would have to be done privately.

When the Dobbs decision was handed down by the Supreme Court in the summer of 2022, you suddenly had a

whole variety of States eliminate a right that women had been able to count on for half a century—that in the early phases of pregnancy, they could terminate a pregnancy without intrusion by the State.

I have a kid in the military. He didn't get to decide where he went. The women who are in the U.S. military don't get to choose where they are deployed, and so now, huge numbers of women who serve this country are deployed either in nations or in States within the United States where they are no longer able to make their own reproductive choices because of where they are deployed—possibly against their will. We want people to be deployed where the military thinks it is best for them to go. We don't want soldiers to have a veto over where they should go. They should go where the mission demands.

But in the aftermath of the Dobbs decision, the Pentagon grappled with the same question that Republican and Democratic administrations had grappled with respect to women in Federal prisons and Peace Corps volunteers: Should you be able to travel to seek medical care, including terminating a pregnancy, in a way that is lawful in the State where you go and could that be paid by the Pentagon?

And with that consistent policy in place under Democratic and Republican administrations, the Biden administration said we should treat our servicewomen no worse than prisoners; we should treat our women servicemembers no worse than Peace Corps volunteers.

Federal funds, pursuant to the Hyde amendment, cannot be used to pay for an abortion. But if for decades we have allowed Federal prisoners and Peace Corps volunteers to travel and have the Federal government pay so that they can make a decision that is theirs to make on their own dime, we will treat servicewomen no worse.

It is a policy that is not unlawful. It is a policy that is completely consistent with the way the U.S. Government or Democratic and Republican administrations have treated similarly situated women since the 1980s.

Furthermore, the Senator has indicated that the only option a minority Member has is to place a hold on nominees. To the contrary, not a single one of these individuals has had anything to do with the policy that my colleague doesn't like. Why take it out on them? There is another avenue: Convince your colleagues that you are right.

The Senator and I are on the Armed Services Committee. In June, we marked up the National Defense Authorization Act, and we sat around the table. And it is a slight-majority Democratic committee by one member.

And Senator TUBERVILLE offered the amendment saying: Hey, the Pentagon is wrong. We should rescind the Pentagon policy.

And he didn't get the votes. He was not able to persuade his colleagues that he was right.

In the Armed Services Committee, I make amendments all the time that I am not able to persuade my colleagues to go along with me on. I have been on the committee for 11 years now. I bet I have offered dozens and dozens of amendments. I have a pretty good batting average, maybe like a Ted Williams batting average—like .400, not 1.000.

I lose amendments all the time, never once—never once—have I lost an amendment, been unable to convince my colleagues that I am right, and then said I am going to take it out on brave men and women wearing the uniform of this country, who had nothing to do with the policy that makes me upset. Instead, I try harder. I come to the floor and make an amendment to see if I can convince my colleagues here.

Senator TUBERVILLE had an opportunity, when we considered the Defense bill on the floor, to offer the amendment, to change the Pentagon policy, and yet he failed to do so. We offered him the opportunity. He failed to take it. Why? Because he was going to lose on the floor even worse—even worse.

There are ways to handle a policy disagreement. Persuade your colleagues you are right or persuade your colleagues in some middle ground, but don't punish these individuals whose names I am taking time to read because each one of them has served this country bravely, in most instances for decades, with multiple deployments, with Purple Hearts, with Silver Stars, with service in combat zones.

The Senator understands this. His father was a decorated World War II veteran who received a Purple Heart. I will be at the grave of my father-in-law tomorrow, a World War II submariner who is buried at Christ Church, on the Northern Neck of Virginia, to put a flag on his grave. He was buried less than a year ago.

I will give my dad a call this weekend, an Army veteran who served immediately after the Korean war in the U.S. Army. I will think about my son, now a Marine reservist. I will think about my chief military LA, a Marine veteran. They don't deserve this punishment.

And, Mr. President, I ask that it now be in order to make the same request with Calendar No. 113. I believe Calendar No. 112 has been disposed of already. So if I could ask, with respect to Calendar No. 113, Rear Admiral James P. Downey to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 130, MG John W. Brennan, Jr., to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 131, VADM Karl O. Thomas to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 132, Lt. Gen. Michael S. Cederholm to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 133, Brig. Gen. Derin S. Durham to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 134, the following three individuals to be brigadier general: COL Brandi B. Peasley, COL John D. Rhodes, and COL Earl C. Sparks IV.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 135, BG William Green, Jr., to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 136, MG Mark T. Simerly to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 138, VADM Craig A. Clapperton to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 139, Col. Brian R. Moore to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 180, VADM Daniel W. Dwyer to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 182, Rear Admiral (lh) Darin K. Via to be rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with what appears to be a redundant appointment Calendar No. 183, Rear Admiral (lh) Darin K. Via to be rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 184, Lt. Gen. Scott L. Pleus to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 185, Brig. Gen. Dale R. White to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 186, Maj. Gen. David A. Harris, Jr., to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.



Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 187, Maj. Gen. David R. Iverson to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 188, Lt. Gen. Kevin B. Schneider to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 189, Maj. Gen. Laura L. Lenderman to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 190, MG David M. Hodne to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 191, MG Roger B. Turner, Jr., to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 192, Rear Admiral Yvette M. Davids to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 193, Rear Admiral Brendan R. McLane to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 194, Rear Admiral John E. Gumbleton to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 195, Rear Admiral Christopher S. Gray to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 196, VADM Charles B. Cooper II to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 197, Rear Admiral James E. Pitts to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 198, Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 199, Maj. Gen. Linda S. Hurry to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 200, BG Miguel A. Mendez to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 201, COL Marlene K. Markotan to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 202, VADM William J. Houston to be admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 203, Col. David M. Castaneda to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 204, Rear Admiral Robert M. Gaucher to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 205, Rear Admiral Douglas G. Perry to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 224, MG Karl H. Gingrich to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request for Calendar No. 225: Rear Admiral (lh) Kenneth R. Blackmon, Rear Admiral (lh) Marc S. Lederer, and Rear Admiral (lh) Robert C. Nowakowski to be rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to the following group of individuals on Calendar No. 226, nominated to be rear admiral (lower half):

CAPT Jeffrey A. Jurgemeyer, CAPT Richard S. Lofgren, CAPT Michael S. Mattis, CAPT Richard W. Meyer, CAPT Bryon T. Smith, CAPT Michael R. Vanpoots.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FETTERMAN). Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 227, CAPT John E. Byington to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 228, CAPT John A. Robinson, III, to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Is the next item, Calendar No. 229? Then I ask the same request that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 229, CAPT David E. Ludwa to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 230, CAPT Peter K. Muschinske to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 231 CAPT Marc F. Williams to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 232, LTG Andrew M. Rohling to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 233, MG John B. Richardson, IV, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 234, VADM Jeffrey W. Hughes to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 236, Lt. Gen. Gregory M. Guillot to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request for Calendar No. 237, Maj. Gen. Heath A. Collins, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 238, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Kruse, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 239, Maj. Gen. Michael G. Koscheski to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 240, Lt. Gen. Donna D. Shipton to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 241, MG

Anthony R. Hale to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 242, LTG Laura A. Potter to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 243, MG William J. Hartman to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 244, LTG John S. Kolasheski to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 245, COL Matthew N. Gebhard to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 246, COL Katherine M. Braun to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 248, Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Anderson, IV, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 262, Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh to be general.



The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 283, two individuals nominated to the rank of major general: BG Mary V. Krueger and BG Anthony L. McQueen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that the same request be made with respect to Calendar No. 284, COL Jack J. Stumme to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 285, COL James F. Porter to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 286, BG Beth A. Salisbury to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 287, Maj. Gen. Michael J. Lutton to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 288, LTG James J. Mingus to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 289, MG Thomas L. James to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 290, MG Charles D. Costanza to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 291, Maj. Gen. James H. Adams, III, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 292, Lt Gen Michael A. Guetlein to be general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 293, Lt Gen Philip A. Garratt to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to the following three individuals on Calendar No. 294 nominated to the rank of major general: Brig Gen Donald J. Cothorn, Brig Gen Troy L. Endicott, and Brig Gen Timothy A. Sejba.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 295, Maj Gen Shawn N. Bratton to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 296, Maj Gen Shawn N. Bratton to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 325, BG Laura L. Clellan to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 326, COL John B. Hinson to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 327, CAPT Michael T. Spencer to be rear admiral (lower half).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 328, Lt Gen Stephen N. Whiting, to the rank of general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 330, BG Lisa J. Hou to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 331, the following two individuals nominated to the rank of major general: BG Jackie A. Huber and BG Warner A. Ross, II.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 332, the following group of individuals being nominated to the rank of brigadier general: COL Paul W. Dahlen; COL Hubert L. Davidson, Jr.; COL Shawn M. Fuellenbach; COL Eric L. Gagnon; COL Joy L. Grimes; COL John C. Kinton;

COL Scott J. Lewis; COL Jason A. Salsgiver; COL Darin D. Schuster; and COL Geoffrey G. Vallee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 335, VADM James W. Kilby to the rank of admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 336, two individuals to the rank of brigadier general: Col. Matthew S. Allen and Col. Lawrence T. Sullivan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 337, Col. Trent C. Davis to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 338, Lt. Gen. James C. Slife to the rank of general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 339, Maj. Gen. Sean M. Farrell and Calendar No. 340 Maj. Gen. Adrian L. Spain to the rank of lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 342, BG Mary V. Krueger to the rank of lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request

with respect to Calendar No. 343, MG Stephen G. Smith to the rank of lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 344, COL Renea V. Dorvall to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 345, COL Robert S. Crockem, Jr., to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 346, COL Clifford R. Gunst to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 347, Rear Admiral (lh) Heidi K. Berg to the rank of rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 348, Rear Admiral Jeffrey T. Jablon to the rank of vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 349, Rear Admiral Blake L. Converse to be vice admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 350, Rear

Admiral (lh) Michael A. Brookes to the rank of rear admiral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 351, Maj Gen David N. Miller, Jr., to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 382, COL Paul T. Sellars, to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 383, COL Michael C. Henderson, to the rank of brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 384, a group of individuals nominated to the rank of major general: BG Richard T. Appelhans; BG James B. Bartholomees; BG Jacqueline D. Brown; BG Lance G. Curtis; BG Michelle K. Donahue; BG Thomas M. Feltey; BG Lawrence G. Ferguson; BG Andrew C. Gainey; BG David W. Gardner; BG Gavin J. Gardner; BG Clair A. Gill; BG Garrick M. Harmon; BG Richard A. Harrison; BG Joseph E. Hilbert; BG Daryl O. Hood; BG Charles T. Lombardo; BG Douglas S. Lowrey; BG Steven M. Marks; BG Mark C. Quander; BG John T. Reim, Jr.; BG Lori L. Robinson; BG Monte L. Rone; BG William A. Ryan, III; BG Eric P. Shirley; BG David F. Stewart; BG Curtis D. Taylor; BG Brandon R. Tegtmeier; BG Colin P. Tuley; BG John W. Weidner; BG James P. Work; BG Richard L. Zellmann.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 385, these two individuals nominated to the rank of brigadier general: COL Kristina J. Green and COL Colin J. Morrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 386, COL Anthony B. Poole, to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 387, the following group of individuals nominated to the rank of major general: BG James A. Benson; BG Karen A. Berry; BG Bobby L. Christine; BG Jeffrey L. Copeland; BG Daniel A. Degelow; BG Joseph A. Dinunno; BG Terry L. Grisham; BG David L. Hall; BG Charles D. Hausman; BG Cindy H. Haygood; BG Stephen F. Logan; BG Corwin J. Lusk; BG Jesse M. Morehouse; BG Stephen E. Schemenauer; BG Isabel R. Smith; BG Craig W. Strong; and BG Katherine E. White.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 388, Brig. Gen. Michael J. Regan, Jr., to be major general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 389, Col. Harold W. Linnean, III, to be brigadier general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 390, LTG Douglas A. Sims, II, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 391, MG David T. Isaacson, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President I ask that it be in order to make the same request with respect to Calendar No. 392, Maj Gen Douglas A. Schiess, to be lieutenant general.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I believe I have now offered UC requests for all 364 service men and women whose nominations have been pending on this floor many months. They have waited patiently after serving their country courageously, and I am sure there are some in the Chamber wondering why bother to take the floor for a couple of hours when the outcome of this was pretty well known in advance.

On the evening before Veterans Day, on the evening before the Marine Corps' 248th birthday, and on the day that the State of Alabama is celebrating its ties to the military, I wanted to offer these unanimous consent requests so that I could have a chance to say the name of each individual as a way of letting them know that there are many in this body who will not forget about them until they are confirmed.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. KAINE. 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. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of Intercessors for America—IFA—a ministry that has faithfully served believers by encouraging effective prayer and fasting for the Church, our Nation,

and our elected leaders, including those of us elected to Congress. At the time of IFA's founding, the Watergate scandal, the Vietnam war, pervasive drug use, and the Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion on demand in *Roe v. Wade* had shaken the moral foundations of our Nation. In the 50 years since, IFA's ministry has been important in rebuilding a society that once again respects the Judeo-Christian principles and moral values that lie at the heart of America.

The founding leaders of IFA, including Derek Prince and John Beckett, began their first activities at a large dining table where John Talcott and his wife Roselyn wrote a prayer letter, which was mailed to a group of like-minded people who recognized the need for God to intervene to heal our Nation. Over the past 50 years, IFA has grown from these beginnings to inform, connect, and mobilize intercessors across America, in churches and communities nationwide, to pray for our Nation and our leaders.

In its work, IFA follows the teaching of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:1-3: "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."

Nowhere could this impact of the power of prayer, including the prayers of many IFA intercessors, be better seen than the Supreme Court's historic decision in 2022 in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* to overturn the moral stain of *Roe v. Wade*. This moment was a testament to God's faithfulness, and underscores the importance of the work we have ahead of us to rebuild a culture where God's gift of life is respected and cherished.

It is an honor to recognize Intercessors for America and to celebrate its 50-year anniversary, in gratitude for its work, through prayer and intercession for public officials, to restore our moral values, protect the right to life and the family, and to bring about a renewal of faith, so that God may continue to bless our Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. SANDRA G. TREADWAY

• Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the Librarian of Virginia, Dr. Sandra Gioia Treadway, upon her retirement after 45 remarkable years of service to the Library of Virginia. Dr. Treadway has served as the Librarian of Virginia for the past 16 years and was deputy librarian 11 years before that. She joined the library in 1978 as an associate editor of publications and served in various positions before being named the State librarian in 2007. In this esteemed role, Dr. Treadway was the steward for the most comprehensive collection of materials on Virginia