

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 445, John David Russell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Angus S. King, Jr., Mazie Hirono, Patty Murray, Mark Kelly, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Debbie Stabenow, Jack Reed, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Gary C. Peters, Thomas R. Carper, Tim Kaine, Catherine Cortez Masto.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 117.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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. 117, Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Charles E. Schumer, Bernard Sanders, Mazie K. Hirono, Thomas R. Carper, Benjamin L. Cardin, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Duckworth, Christopher Murphy, Jeanne Shaheen, Tammy Baldwin, Tim Kaine, Richard J. Durbin, Tina Smith, Brian Schatz, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 142.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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. 142, Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Charles E. Schumer, Tina Smith, Tammy Baldwin, Alex Padilla, Michael F. Bennet, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Debbie Stabenow, Jack Reed, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Duckworth, Peter Welch.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, December 18, 2023, be waived.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: No. 407 and No. 433; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc, without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the President's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development; and David K. Sing, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026, en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY-TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 118-1

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on December 18, 2023, by the President of the United States: the Treaties with the Republic of Cuba and the Government of the United Mexican

States on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries, Treaty Document No. 118-1. I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

#### *To the Senate of the United States:*

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith two bilateral maritime boundary Treaties: the Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico beyond 200 Nautical Miles (the "United States-Cuba Treaty"), and the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (the "United States-Mexico Treaty") (together, the "Treaties"), both of which were signed at Washington on January 18, 2017. I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaties.

The purpose of the Treaties is to establish our continental shelf boundaries in the eastern Gulf of Mexico with Cuba and Mexico in areas beyond 200 nautical miles from shore. The United States-Cuba Treaty establishes a maritime boundary of approximately 30 nautical miles in length, and the United States-Mexico Treaty establishes a maritime boundary of approximately 79 nautical miles in length. The boundaries define the limit within which each country may exercise maritime jurisdiction with respect to its portion of the continental shelf. The boundaries address the only remaining area in the Gulf of Mexico where the maritime boundaries between the United States and its neighbors had not been agreed.

The United States-Cuba Treaty also establishes procedures for addressing the possibility of oil and gas reservoirs that extend across the continental shelf boundary, which will help protect related United States interests. With respect to Mexico, such procedures were developed and set forth in a separate agreement that is already in force, as described in the report of the Department of State accompanying this message.

I believe the Treaties to be fully in the interest of the United States. In light of the relevant coastal geography, the Treaties allocate approximately two-thirds of the area in question to the United States, and they provide legal certainty with respect to United States sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the continental shelf.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to

the Treaties, and give its advice and consent to ratification.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 18, 2023.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam 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.

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 788. An act to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1147. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 912. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-139).

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3554. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide the Financial Stability Oversight Council with duties regarding artificial intelligence in the financial sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3555. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, and the STOCK Act to require certain senior officials to report payments received from the Federal Government, to improve the filing and disclosure of financial disclosures by Members of Congress, congressional staff, very senior employees, and others, and to ban stock trading for certain senior Government officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 3556. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 511. A resolution reinforcing the United States-Senegal relationship and urging the Government of Senegal to conduct free, fair, transparent, and inclusive elections on February 25, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 512. A resolution designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TILLIS (for Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VANCE, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. YOUNG)):

S. Res. 513. A resolution recognizing December 17 as "Wright Brothers Day" and commemorating the 120th anniversary of the first powered flight; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO)):

S. Res. 514. A resolution congratulating the Florida State University Seminoles for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Soccer Championship; considered and agreed to.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to extend the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 134

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, and for other purposes.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act with respect to the importation of live dogs, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1651, a bill to encourage increased trade and investment between the United States and the countries in the Western Balkans, and for other purposes.

S. 2943

At the request of Mr. WICKER, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2943, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require schools to provide fluid milk substitutes upon request of a student or the parent or guardian of such student, and for other purposes.

S. 3301

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3301, a bill to provide for Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.

S. 3501

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3501, a bill to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caregiver relatives.

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 333, a resolution designating 2024 as the Year of Democracy as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of Government of the United States to a more free and stable world.