

CLOTURE MOTION

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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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. 358, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Charles E. Schumer, Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Van Hollen, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Edward J. Markey, John W. Hickenlooper, Laphonza Butler, Richard J. Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jeff Merkley, Peter Welch, Gary C. Peters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 82, nays 7, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 13 Ex.]

YEAS—82

Baldwin	Daines	Marshall
Bennet	Duckworth	McConnell
Blackburn	Durbin	Menendez
Blumenthal	Ernst	Merkley
Booker	Fischer	Moran
Boozman	Gillibrand	Mullin
Britt	Grassley	Murkowski
Brown	Hassan	Murphy
Budd	Heinrich	Murray
Butler	Hickenlooper	Ossoff
Cantwell	Hirono	Padilla
Capito	Hoeven	Peters
Cardin	Hyde-Smith	Reed
Carper	Johnson	Ricketts
Casey	Kaine	Romney
Cassidy	Kennedy	Rosen
Collins	King	Rounds
Coons	Klobuchar	Rubio
Cornyn	Lankford	Sanders
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Schatz
Cotton	Lummis	Schumer
Crapo	Manchin	Shaheen
Cruz	Markey	Sinema

Smith	Vance	Wicker
Tester	Warner	Wyden
Thune	Warnock	Young
Tillis	Warren	
Van Hollen	Whitehouse	

NAYS—7

Braun	Paul	Tuberville
Hawley	Schmitt	
Lee	Scott (FL)	

NOT VOTING—11

Barrasso	Hagerty	Stabenow
Cramer	Kelly	Sullivan
Fetterman	Risch	Welch
Graham	Scott (SC)	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 82, the nays are 7.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING LOLA'S FINE HOT SAUCE

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, I am privileged to recognize Lola's Fine Hot Sauce of West Des Moines, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Lola's Fine Hot Sauce was founded by TaufEEK Shah in West Des Moines, in 2017. The original hot sauce recipe is courtesy of TaufEEK's mother Carmelita "Lola" Shah, who grew up in the Philippines before immigrating to the United States for medical school in the early 1970s. Lola spent over 35 years at Winthrop Medical Clinic in Winthrop, IA, where she practiced family health. Lola's hot sauce is a family recipe, entrusted to TaufEEK in 2015. After receiving the recipe, TaufEEK shared the homemade hot sauce with his coworkers and friends. Their positive reviews encouraged TaufEEK and Lola to embark on their entrepreneurial journey by renting out a commercial kitchen and selling the hot sauce at farmers markets in central Iowa.

Lola's Fine Hot Sauce quickly grew from its beginnings as a popular stand at local markets. Today, the business offers a variety of hot sauces and salsas, merchandise, a Southern Jalapeno Bloody Mary mix, honey jalapeno beef jerky, and Lola's Original

Seasoning. They also post videos of recipes on their YouTube channel that folks can make at home using their favorite Lola's Fine Hot Sauce products as ingredients. In addition to being sold on their website, Lola's Fine Hot Sauce can be purchased across the United States, Canada, the Virgin Islands, and the Philippines at over 14,000 retailers. In 2022, Casey's announced a partnership with Lola's Fine Hot Sauce with their new Casey's Zesty Jalapeno Peanuts, Casey's Zesty Jalapeno Cashews, and Casey's Zesty Jalapeno Pretzels. All products are seasoned with Lola's Fine Hot Sauce and are available in-store and online for delivery.

Lola's Fine Hot Sauce is actively involved in the Des Moines community. TaufEEK currently serves on the board of directors for the Iowa Center for Economic Success and the board of directors for the Des Moines Area Community College Foundation. In 2023, TaufEEK won the American Dream Award from the Iowa Restaurant Association. In addition to these awards, the Des Moines Register named TaufEEK Shah as one of their "15 People to Watch" in 2023. Lola's Fine Hot Sauce is a proud member of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and celebrated its seventh business anniversary in 2024.

Lola's Fine Hot Sauce's commitment to providing quality hot sauces and products across the globe while maintaining its Iowa roots is clear. I want to congratulate TaufEEK and Lola Shah and the entire team at Lola's Fine Hot Sauces for their hard work and success. I look forward to seeing their continued growth in Iowa.●

RECOGNIZING THE HEARTLAND PREGNANCY CARE CENTER AND TRIBUTE TO BECKY REIMER

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise to day to recognize the Heartland Pregnancy Center and Becky Reimer for their efforts in declaring January 22, 2024, the Sanctity of Human Life Day and Respect for Life Day in Harvey County, KS.

As a staunch advocate for life who spent my career as an OB/GYN protecting the lives of both mother and child, I had the privilege of delivering over 5,000 babies, witnessing each time the beauty of the gift of life. There is nothing more precious than handing a child to his or her mother to be held for the first time.

As a U.S. Senator, I have continued this passion for protecting life in all its forms, including the unborn, the pregnant woman, and the new mother. Having started and supervised multiple family planning clinics, I can tell you that we must all work together towards ensuring access to prenatal care, proper nutrition, and childcare, as well as attending to the social challenges a mother faces. I am proud to have sponsored legislation that addresses these points, and I look forward to future opportunities to continue protecting the sanctity of life.

Our Founding Fathers acknowledged the defense of life, from conception until natural death, as the backbone of our country when they declared that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Thus, it is our collective duty to create and provide an environment in which life, from conception until natural death, is safeguarded as the moral foundation for America and the rest of the world.

For this reason, I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Heartland Pregnancy Center and Becky Reimer for their collective efforts in declaring January 22, 2024, as the Sanctity of Human Life Day and Respect for Life Day in Harvey County, KS.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 18, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2872. An act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bill was signed on January 19, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cote, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3222. An act to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators, and for other purposes.

S. 3250. An act to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1568. An act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3058. An act to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3667. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised.

H.R. 4250. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by establishing appropriate limits on the federally compelled disclosure of information obtained as part of engaging in journalism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6914. An act to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6918. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2872.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2872) to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3058. An act to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3667. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4250. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by establishing appropriate limits on the federally compelled disclosure of information obtained as part of engaging in journalism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6918. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6914. An act to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3335. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of requiring additional time to ensure a thorough response on an annual report on Military Department compliance and safety standards and a semiannual report on the activities of the Joint Safety Council; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3336. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to a notification of a Mid-Tier Acquisition program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3337. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled entitled "Fair Credit Reporting; Background Screening" (12 CFR Part 1022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3338. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled entitled "Fair Credit Reporting; File Disclosure" (12 CFR Part 1022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3339. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (12 CFR Part 1083) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3340. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations Asset-Size Thresholds" (RIN3064-AF98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3341. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure" (RIN3064-AF10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3342. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the Unverified List" (RIN0694-AJ49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3343. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removals to the Unverified List" (RIN0694-AJ50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3344. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14014 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3345. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M (Consumer Leasing)" (RIN7100-AG70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3346. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal