

Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 512, Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Charles E. Schumer, Gary C. Peters, Jack Reed, Benjamin L. Cardin, Alex Padilla, Laphonza R. Butler, Christopher A. Coons, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Duckworth, Christopher Murphy, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Mazie Hirono, Sherrod Brown, Tina Smith, Catherine Cortez Masto, Jeff Merkley.

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 Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have noted "nay."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Ex.]

#### YEAS—54

Baldwin	Heinrich	Romney
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	Kaine	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Butler	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Sinema
Cardin	Lujan	Smith
Carper	Manchin	Stabenow
Casey	Markley	Tester
Collins	Merkley	Tillis
Coons	Murkowski	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Durbin	Ossoff	Warren
Fetterman	Padilla	Welch
Gillibrand	Peters	Whitehouse
Hassan	Reed	Wyden

#### NAYS—39

Barrasso	Cassidy	Graham
Blackburn	Cornyn	Grassley
Boozman	Cotton	Hagerty
Braun	Crapo	Hawley
Britt	Daines	Hoeven
Capito	Fischer	Hyde-Smith

Johnson	Moran	Scott (SC)
Kennedy	Mullin	Sullivan
Lankford	Paul	Thune
Lee	Ricketts	Tuberville
Lummis	Risch	Vance
Marshall	Rounds	Wicker
McConnell	Schmitt	Young

#### NOT VOTING—7

Budd	Ernst	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Menendez	
Cruz	Rubio	

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 39.

The motion is agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NOMINATION OF ROBIN MICHELLE MERIWEATHER

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the Senate will vote to confirm Robin Michelle Meriweather to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Born in Detroit, MI, Judge Meriweather received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Yale Law School. Following her graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge Merrick B. Garland on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit between 1998 and 1999. After her clerkship, she joined the law firm of Jenner and Block, LLP, as a litigation associate. There, Judge Meriweather's practice involved complex civil litigation, as well as matters concerning constitutional, statutory, and regulatory claims.

In 2007, she joined the civil division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia as an assistant U.S. attorney. Judge Meriweather became deputy chief of that division in 2011 and served in that capacity until 2017. Since January 2017, she has served as a U.S. magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Throughout her time on the bench, Judge Meriweather

has issued more than 1,000 orders and presided over three trials.

Judge Meriweather's experience as a magistrate judge coupled with her experience in public and private practice have prepared her to serve honorably on the United States Court of Federal Claims.

I am proud to support her nomination and urge my colleagues to do the same.

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD "BUTCH" DOLLAGA

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of an esteemed and valued member of our Armed Forces, Rear Admiral Leonard "Butch" Dollaga, who will retire from the U.S. Navy on October 1, 2024, after 34 years in uniform. His long and distinguished service to our Nation reflects an unwavering devotion to duty and a great love of our country.

Rear Admiral Dollaga grew up next to the shipyards in Honolulu, HI, and his hometown of Vallejo, CA. He earned his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1990 and upon graduation entered the fleet as a submarine officer. After serving as a division officer aboard USS *Los Angeles* (SSN 688), an engineer officer aboard USS *Rhode Island* (SSBN 740), and executive officer aboard USS *Cheyenne* (SSN 773), Rear Admiral Dollaga commanded USS *Charlotte* (SSN 766) in Pearl Harbor, HI. He also served as commodore of Submarine Development Squadron 12 in Groton, CT.

Ashore, Rear Admiral Dollaga's service reflected the same rigors he faced at sea. He served in a number of important roles, including admissions officer at the U.S. Naval Academy, technical assistant to the Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, nuclear officer program manager and submarine officer community manager on the staff of the Chief of Naval Personnel, instructor for the Submarine Command Course, Chief of the Joint Staff's Program and Budget Analysis Division, and Director of the Navy Appropriations Matters Congressional Liaison Office.

His flag assignments included serving as commander of the Undersea Warfare Development Center in Groton, CT, and most recently as commander of Submarine Group SEVEN/Task Force 54/Task Force 74, where he led undersea operations in both the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command areas of responsibility.

Over the past 2 years, Admiral Dollaga has served as the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs. As the principal representative of the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations to the Senate and House of Representatives, he has provided invaluable support to Members and congressional staff. Rear Admiral Dollaga understands the importance of maintaining a strong partnership between senior Navy leadership and the Hill. He ensured, to the best of his abilities, that

there were no surprises, and he never shied away from tough conversations.

Rear Admiral Dollaga provided exemplary vision, strategy, and direction in executing numerous hearings, briefings, and engagements with Congress on the strategic direction and challenging issues facing the Department of the Navy. As he brings this chapter of his life to a close, I want to personally thank him and ask that we honor him today for his more than three decades of leadership and service.

Submariners endure deployments that take them away from their family and the luxury of frequent communication with their loved ones. For this reason, I also want to recognize the service and sacrifice of Rear Admiral Dollaga's family: his wife Lani, his daughters Sarah and Malia, and his son Kyle. Without their support and sacrifice over these past 34 years, his service would not have been possible. They have been an integral part of his journey and deserve our Nation's gratitude. I know my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Rear Admiral Dollaga on an outstanding career and in wishing him and his family all the best as they embark on a new chapter together.

#### 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Mr. FETTERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress. The U.S. Congress's roots can be traced to the First Continental Congress, which convened in Philadelphia's own Carpenters' Hall in 1774 and was one of the most significant events in the founding of our Nation. Colonial delegates solidified a united American identity by adopting the Declaration of Colonial Rights, which created the Colonial coalition that later signed the Declaration of Independence. After the U.S. War of Independence, the Continental Congress evolved into the Federation Congress and ultimately the U.S. Congress as established by the Constitution in 1787.

In July 2024, the Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia, the nonprofit organization founded in 1724 that owns and operates Carpenters' Hall, will convene the Young People's Continental Congress, YPCC. A diverse group of high school students and their teachers from the 13 original Colonies will gather in Philadelphia to explore our Nation's founding. A second convening in July 2025 will engage students and teachers from all 56 States and jurisdictions. YPCC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage young people in history and civics, as well as to launch Philadelphia's celebration of the semiquincentennial of American independence in 2026.

YPCC delegates will discuss America's founding principles and how those

principles have been expressed over our history. They will also experience Philadelphia's historic attractions to enhance their understanding of the democratic process and how our country was founded.

YPCC will harness the power of convening for a new generation of civic leaders and focus on the unique opportunity they have to help shape the conversations around what America looks like today. As generations of leaders have learned, there is nothing like being "in the room where it happened."

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WYOMING

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming. This important fraternal organization, also known as Wyoming Masons, will celebrate the occasion during their annual convention on August 12, 2024, in Casper, WY.

Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world. Members share a belief in "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind." With a shared commitment to lives of honor, integrity, and character, the men of Freemasonry work to better themselves, their communities, and the world.

The first known masonic meeting in Wyoming took place at Independence Rock on July 4, 1862. Independence Rock is located on the Oregon and Mormon trails in central Wyoming between the cities of Casper and Rawlins. Twenty masons from the camped Oregon wagon trains participated in a masonic meeting.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming was established December 15, 1874, in Laramie City, territory of Wyoming. Four lodges with 211 members were represented. Edgar P. Snow was elected the first Grand Master. Today, Wyoming has 41 lodges with over 2100 members.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming is a member of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. The lodge recognizes several Appendant and Concordant organizations which provide opportunities for family members to interact with Masonic relatives.

These organizations include Job's Daughters International, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, York Rite of Freemasonry, Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, National Sojourners, Order of the Eastern Star, Ladies' Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Royal Order of Scotland.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming is led by its 2023-2024 elected officers: Grand Master Thomas G. Needham, Jackson, WY; Deputy Grand Master Scott

Kitchner, Rock Springs, WY; Senior Grand Warden Gregory K. Shiek, Sheridan, WY; Junior Grand Warden Ken Thorpe, Jr., Sheridan, WY; Grand Treasurer John F. Nunley III, Cheyenne, WY; and Grand Secretary Beynon St. John, Lander, WY.

Those serving through appointments include Senior Grand Deacon E. Ray Leeman, Jr., Aladdin, WY; Junior Grand Deacon James K. Wamsley, Rock Springs, WY; Junior Grand Steward Bryan J. Compton, Jackson, WY; Junior Grand Steward Calvin E. Van Zee, Laramie, WY; Grand Lecturer Weston G. Hubele, Mills, WY; Grand Chaplain Preston Goulette, Pinedale, WY; Grand Orator Thomas Jefferson Rodgers, Sheridan, WY; Grand Marshal Stephen H. Fowler, Evanston, WY; Grand Librarian Gary D. Skillern, Cheyenne, WY; Grand Historian Mark S. Young PGM, Gillette, WY; Grand Organist Tim Forbis, Cheyenne, WY; and Grand Tyler David N. Lankford, Pinedale, WY.

District lecturers are Bret D. Steger, Pine Bluffs, WY; David G. Hammond, Laramie, WY; Stephen H. Fowler, Evanston, WY; Kraig A. Kobert, Jackson, WY; Toby Erickson, Lander, WY; Christopher G. Neubauer, Casper, WY; Jeffrey D. Thomas, Guernsey, WY; Jon C. Rowe, Gillette, WY; Thomas Jefferson Rodgers, Sheridan, WY; Eric R. Kay, Thermopolis, WY; and Bryan G. Baird, Cowley, WY.

Special appointees are Masonic Service Association Coordinator Shawn Covert, Bar Nunn, WY; Masonic Renewal Representative Weston Hubele, Mills, WY; George Washington Masonic National Memorial Representative Roy C. Kinsey, Jackson, WY; and Grand Lodge Webmaster R. Aaron Roybal, Cheyenne, WY.

It is an honor to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. I send my best wishes to all Wyoming masons as you pave the way for future generations.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JACK WINSTEAD

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I submit this statement into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to honor the public service of Mr. Jack Winstead. In both his professional and personal capacities, he has worked faithfully to make the most of Mississippi's natural resources and to care for our State's veterans.

Jack pursued his education at East Central Community College and Mississippi State University, but he had begun serving well before completing his studies. As an undergraduate, Jack began working with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, SCS. He went on to dedicate the next 35 years of his life to SCS.

Associations, commissions, and boards across the State have noticed Jack's expertise. Jack has not kept his skills to himself. Instead, he has given generously to the many who have