

final word in interpreting the Constitution. And unless we see the Constitution amended at some point by the American people, that is going to stand.

Many of the Courts' decisions are based on statutory interpretation, based on what the legislature has done, what the Senate has done. And those are things that the Senate can come back and address through legislation.

But the biggest threat to democracy isn't the Supreme Court; it is a never-ending series of political attacks on the Court by many on the left.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FETTERMAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT

CHILDREN AND TEENS' ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I come here today to speak on the continued bipartisan efforts to protect our kids from the risks of social media and other online platforms.

Three weeks ago, I spoke here on the floor with my good friend and colleague Senator BLUMENTHAL about the need to get two bills done: The Kids Online Safety Act and the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act.

Moving on KOSA and COPPA is a top priority of mine. I have listened to so many parents whose kids have been gravely harmed by social media. Some of these kids face bullying or were victims of exploitation and online predators or saw their mental health suffer. And in horrible stories that I have heard on many occasions, in too many instances, the kids took their own lives. Imagine, 13, 14, 15 years old, killing themselves because of what they saw online. And imagine the families who live with the hole in their heart for the rest of their lives. It is horrible. We shouldn't allow it to happen any longer.

So getting these bills done is very important for the well-being of our kids, but it will require bipartisan cooperation to move forward, as so many things in the Senate do. As all know, there has been a lot of discussion about the best way to proceed.

I said at the end of June I would give all objectors 2 weeks to offer solutions for addressing their concerns. Sadly, a few of our colleagues continue to block these bills without offering any constructive ideas for how to revise the text. So now we must look ahead, and all options are on the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 701.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 701, Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Charles E. Schumer, Ron Wyden, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, John W. Hickenlooper, Christopher Murphy, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Benjamin L. Cardin, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Baldwin, Tina Smith.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 702.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 702, Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Charles E. Schumer, Ron Wyden, Alex Padilla, Debbie Stabenow, Catherine Cortez Masto, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, John W. Hickenlooper, Christopher Murphy, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Benjamin L. Cardin, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Baldwin, Tina Smith.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 551.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 551, Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Charles E. Schumer, Benjamin L. Cardin, Alex Padilla, Christopher A. Coons, Christopher Murphy, Chris Van Hollen, Richard J. Durbin, Jeanne Shaheen, Jack Reed, Peter Welch, Jeff Merkley, Catherine Cortez Masto, Margaret Wood Hassan, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tim Kaine, Richard Blumenthal, Brian Schatz.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, July 11, be waived.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider with respect to the Meriweather nomination be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 4727 and H.R. 8281

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4727) to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions.

A bill (H.R. 8281) to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024, THROUGH TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 765, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times: Monday, July 15, at 11:15 a.m.; Thursday, July 18, at 10 a.m.; Monday, July 22, at 11:30 a.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Monday, July 22, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be

reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Way nomination; further, that the confirmation vote on the Kiko nomination be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen on Wednesday, July 24.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024, AT 11:15 A.M.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, as a further mark of respect to the late James Inhofe, the former Senator from Oklahoma, the Senate, at 4:49 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 15, 2024, at 11:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

JULIE BRINN SIEGEL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2029. VICE CHRISTY GOLDSMITH ROMERO, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

L. E. SOLA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028. (REAPPOINTMENT)

CARL WHITNEY BENTZEL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2029. (REAPPOINTMENT)

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WILLIAM PATRICK J. KIMMITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 16, 2029. VICE F. SCOTT KIEFF, TERM EXPIRED.

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

DEVA A. KYLE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. VICE GORDON HARTOGENSIS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KEITH D. HANIGAN, OF NEW JERSEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF THE COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

DOUGLAS D. JONES, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

MELANIE ANNE ZIMMERMAN, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

KALI C. JONES, OF LOUISIANA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

STEPHANIE A. MILEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA.

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

MARCO M. RAJKOVICH, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH RE-

VIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 30, 2030. (REAPPOINTMENT)

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

DEBORAH LYNN HALVORSON BUSH, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2027. VICE ERHARD R. CHORLE, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

APRIL M. PERRY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. VICE NANCY L. MALDONADO, ELEVATED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. RONALD P. CLARK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. STEPHANIE R. AHERN
BRIG. GEN. GUILLAUME N. BEAUPERE
BRIG. GEN. FREDERICK L. CRIST
BRIG. GEN. SEAN P. DAVIS
BRIG. GEN. PATRICK J. ELLIS
BRIG. GEN. JASPER JEFFERS III
BRIG. GEN. NIAVE F. KNEILL
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL B. LALOR
BRIG. GEN. FRANCISCO J. LOZANO
BRIG. GEN. CONSTANTIN E. NICOLET
BRIG. GEN. KIMBERLY A. PEEPLES
BRIG. GEN. PHILIP J. RYAN
BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER D. SCHNEIDER
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL J. SIMMERING
BRIG. GEN. JASON C. SLIDER
BRIG. GEN. JAMES D. TURNETTI IV
BRIG. GEN. JEFFREY A. VANANTWERP

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. EDWARD H. EVANS, JR.
BRIG. GEN. GENT WELSH, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DANIEL R. MCDONOUGH

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. NATHAN P. AYSTA
COL. JERRY B. BANCROFT, JR.
COL. DIANA M. BROWN
COL. JASON K. BRUGMAN
COL. MARCIA L. COLE
COL. JOE A. DESSENBERGER
COL. MICHAEL S. DUNKIN
COL. AMANDA B. EVANS
COL. ROBERT C. GELLNER
COL. ASHLEY E. GROVES
COL. MATTHEW M. GROVES
COL. DARREN E. HAMILTON
COL. TODD A. HOFFORD
COL. ANTHONY A. LUJAN
COL. MATTHEW R. MCDONOUGH
COL. BYRON B. NEWELL
COL. NELSON E. PERRON
COL. JON M. TAYLOR
COL. JAMIELYN G. THOMPSON
COL. KURT D. TONGREN
COL. JOSHUA C. WAGGONER
COL. DAVID R. WRIGHT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID R. CHAUVIN

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN D. BLACKBURN
COL. YVONNE L. MAYS
COL. MICHAEL B. MEASON

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. MATTHEW F. BLUE