

today. It is an undocumented worker who is taking care of your little granddaughter or daughter at that daycare facility. They are also the people who are taking care of your mothers and grandmothers in nursing homes. They made sure that Mom got down to breakfast this morning and didn't slip and fall in the hallway. They stood next to her. Do you want to deport that woman who helped her to breakfast this morning? I don't. If she is not breaking the law and she is a positive part of America's economy, let's make her part of our future and find a way to do it.

We had a comprehensive immigration bill not that long ago that passed with an overwhelming majority here in the U.S. Senate. There was a process there which I was part of writing that makes a difference in the way we approach immigration. We should be doing something positive on a bipartisan basis to deal with this issue and not be swearing at the people who are talking about change as being somehow un-American.

Fighting for our Nation's immigrants in the right way will continue to be one of my highest priorities.

#### GUN VIOLENCE

Finally, tomorrow, the committee will hold a hearing on conversion devices used to increase the lethality of firearms, such as Glock switches, auto sears, bump stocks, and pistol braces. Some of these devices can be used to convert a semiautomatic firearm, designed to fire one shot per trigger pull, into a fully automatic firearm. This makes it easier for a gunman to commit mass murders, such as the deadliest mass shooting in modern history when a shooter killed 60 people and wounded hundreds more in Las Vegas in 2017. These modified machine guns are weapons of war, and we need to get them off the streets of America and away from innocent American families.

While my time as chair of this committee will end in January, my belief in the promise of this country never will end. I promise to work each day in the Senate to look out for the most vulnerable among us, to ensure liberty and equality for every person, and to uphold the rule of law, which is truly the bedrock of democracy.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 704.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

##### CLOTURE MOTION

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 704, Embry J. Kidd, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Alex Padilla, Peter Welch, Cory A. Booker, John W. Hickenlooper, Martin Heinrich, Laphonza R. Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Gary C. Peters, Brian Schatz.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

##### VETERANS DAY

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, yesterday, we celebrated Veterans Day. On this day, we honor the brave men and women who have valiantly served and sacrificed to protect us and secure our liberties, both in times of war and in times of peace.

We are especially thankful to those veterans who were permanently injured as a result of their service. They sacrificed their safety to protect America. We are deeply grateful to these veterans.

It is difficult for words alone to express how appreciative we are of America's veterans and their families.

To the Gold Star families, your service to our country does not go unnoticed. America will never forget the

sacrifices your families have made in service to this great Nation. I want to acknowledge your dedication to honoring the memory of your fallen family members, who paid the ultimate price.

We are forever indebted to those who have worn the uniform in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force. I hope all Americans can commit to serving our veterans with the same amount of devotion they had when fighting for our great Nation.

This national holiday began 105 years ago when President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 as "Armistice Day." This marked the 1-year anniversary of the conclusion of World War I. In 1947, a World War II veteran named Raymond Weeks, of Birmingham, AL—my State—led a movement asking the Army Chief of Staff, then a general named Dwight D. Eisenhower, to expand Armistice Day to include all veterans, not just the ones from World War I. Seven years later, after becoming President, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed national Veterans Day into law, reflecting the wishes of that great Alabamian named Raymond Weeks. Alabama is proud of Mr. Weeks for that great donation.

Alabama is also proud to be home to 400,000 veterans. We are thankful for these brave Alabamians and the more than 19 million U.S. veterans living across the world.

We thank you for your dedication, the sacrifices you made, and the courage you displayed to ensure that America remains, as Abraham Lincoln said, the last, best hope on Earth.

Today, I will recognize three Alabama veterans who honorably served in our Nation's military. With each of them, you will hear how their service to America did not end when their time in the military came to an end. They have continued to contribute to their communities long after taking off their uniforms. They continue to uplift and inspire others around them, including myself. I would like to honor their commitment by thanking them today.

Sgt. Ricardo Jaramillo is one of these great veterans, from Harvest, AL. Ricardo joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1976 at the age of 18. He deployed around the world, where he helped maintain American drones and surface-to-air missiles. He later became an instructor at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, preparing the next generation to protect our national security.

Ricardo retired from the military in 1999 after 23 years of service, but his commitment to what America stands for doesn't end there. Ricardo wanted to continue serving his fellow man. After committing his life to Christ, Ricardo became a missionary so that he could spread hope to those in need all around the world.

Now Ricardo takes multiple trips a year to the mountain villages in Guatemala with his two granddaughters, Gloria and Judiana. He credits the training he received as a marine for

preparing him to withstand the tough conditions that he experiences on his mission trips.

Ricardo's lifelong dedication to serving others is an example to all of us.

Thank you, Ricardo.

I would also like to recognize SCPO Wayne Weeks of Geneva, AL. Wayne was motivated to join the U.S. Navy by his four uncles, who served in World War II. One of Wayne's uncles lost his life just 4 days after turning 21 years old during an Allied invasion of Italy.

Wayne recalls attending his uncle's funeral as a small child and felt inspired to serve in the military as soon as he could. In 1953, at the age of 18, he courageously answered this calling and joined the Navy. Wayne traveled the oceans across the world, keeping our aircraft prepared for combat. He would serve until the end of the Vietnam war in 1975. Despite the domestic turmoil and protests around that time, Wayne looks back positively on his time in the military.

Wayne's determination to see a difficult war through from the beginning to the end demonstrates his integrity to finish the job he started. Wayne embodies the American grit that is foundational to our military service-members who have kept our country safe and the torch of liberty burning bright.

Alabama is proud of Wayne and his wonderful wife Helen.

Thank you for your service, Wayne.

Finally, the strength of our military is dependent on the next generation of warriors who believe in our country and are willing to defend it. No one demonstrates this next generation of courage better than PO2 Alex Vogt of Hoover, AL.

Alex says he felt he had a duty as an American who had benefited from the many opportunities our country offers to give back by joining the military, so he enlisted as a nuclear mechanic in the U.S. Navy in 2016, deploying around the world to maintain our submarines. His final mission was decommissioning the USS *Olympia* submarine before he was discharged in 2021.

When asked what Veterans Day means to him, Alex was quick to note the importance of using this day to show our gratitude for all veterans and their families. Alex and his wife Anna are now passing along this patriotic spirit to their twin boys, Charlie and Thomas.

We want to thank you for your service, Alex. You are truly an inspiration to us all.

These are just three Alabama veterans who sacrificed so much by serving our country. There are so many others who are also willing to give their lives for the great country that we have.

I am reminded of my father, Charles Tuberville III, a World War II veteran. My father was one of the brave, young soldiers who landed and fought on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944. My dad remains an inspiration for me to this day. I will never forget his service to our country.

As President Reagan said, "Veterans have given their best for all of us, and we must continue to do our best by them." By observing Veterans Day this year, I hope we are encouraged to continue giving veterans our best.

When you see a man or woman in uniform, please—please—take the time and thank them for their service. Because of their service and sacrifice, America remains a great beacon of freedom for generations to come.

May God bless our veterans and their families.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I echo the comments of my colleague regarding the service of our veterans. They have stood up for us overseas, and we must stand up for them back here at home.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASSIDY. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### NOMINATION OF APRIL M. PERRY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, it is my great privilege to help lead the confirmation of the Biden-Harris administration's judicial nominees. It is one of our committee's most important tasks, and confirming fair, evenhanded judges who are dedicated to the Constitution is one of my priorities as chair. But it is even more of an honor to help confirm judges from my State of Illinois.

Today, I would like to take a moment to say a word in support of April Perry, who has been nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She is highly qualified and will strengthen the Federal bench.

Ms. Perry is a highly accomplished litigator whose breadth of experience in the government and the private sector makes her an outstanding nominee. A double graduate of Northwestern University, Ms. Perry clerked on the Seventh Circuit before serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois for more than a decade. In that role, she investigated and prosecuted a broad range of criminal cases.

Additionally, Ms. Perry served as the Civil Rights and Hate Crimes coordinator, the Project Safe Childhood and Violence Against Women Act coordinator, and the Narcotics and Gangs Deputy chief in the U.S. attorney's office. Following this, Ms. Perry served in the Cook County State's attorney's office and has since expanded her legal experience as in-house counsel at GE Healthcare. Suffice it to say, Ms. Perry has proven herself an experienced, tal-

ented litigator with a dedication to the rule of law.

Ms. Perry was rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association and has the strong support of Senator DUCKWORTH and myself. I urge my colleagues to support her nomination.

#### VOTE ON PERRY NOMINATION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Perry nomination?

Mr. CASSIDY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

#### [Rollcall Vote No. 256 Ex.]

##### YEAS—51

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

##### NAYS—44

Barrasso	Fischer	Mullin
Blackburn	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Braun	Hagerty	Romney
Britt	Hawley	Rounds
Budd	Hoeven	Schmitt
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Tuberville
Cruz	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Young
Ernst	Moran	

##### NOT VOTING—5

Fetterman	Rubio	Vance
Risch	Sinema	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority leader.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

##### MORNING BUSINESS

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