

before. But, again, I said I believe in you more than you believe in yourself. I know you are up to the challenge. I know you will do the job. I really do. I believe that. I am going to be rooting, screaming, and hollering for my team. This is my team. All the D's and the R's and the I's—you are my team, and I love each and every one of you.

Thank you for giving me the honor of a lifetime to serve in I think the greatest deliberative body the world has ever known and ever will know—the United States Senate.

God bless the State of West Virginia, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO JOE MANCHIN III

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, a few of us have some remarks to make about the honored Senator from West Virginia. When he is finished with his hugs, we will continue.

Mr. President, I want to say to my friend JOE MANCHIN, wonderful speech. It really had a lot of meaning for me as someone who knows you very well but also to all of us. You have touched everybody's life in this room and many people beyond.

So I just want to say a few words about my colleague and my friend and my fellow Senator from West Virginia, Senator JOE MANCHIN—but we all call him “JOE”—will be retiring from the Senate. But it is safe to say, and he has already guaranteed us, that it will not be the last time that we hear from him.

Before he leaves us, I would just like to take a moment to highlight, from my perspective, his impressive and successful career for the country but particularly for our State of West Virginia.

I would also like to acknowledge JOE's better half Gayle, up there, and his wonderful family. Gayle has endured all the hard work that comes with public service in her own right, and I would like to personally thank her and both of them as a great couple but also a wonderful and beautiful family that you have. I am so happy that they are here today.

It seems just like yesterday that Joe was knocking on my door at 1010 Wilkie Drive in Charleston, WV. He was there to measure the carpet in the house that my husband and I had just purchased as newlyweds. This was over 40 years ago. And he measured that carpet, and he told me after I recounted the story to him later, he could lay that carpet today if he needed to.

So fast forward. Today, JOE is serving in his 14th year as a U.S. Senator, after serving our State in the House of Delegates, in the State senate, secretary of state, and as Governor. We went through a couple tragedies, really tough tragedies, when JOE was our Governor. And I can say, with maybe

one exception—maybe my dad or they might be equal—I have never seen such a compassionate, empathetic, and effective Governor during really, really tough times.

So I am going to miss working side by side with him, but I know that the relationship we have built over these years will continue for years to come.

JOE has been the senior Senator from West Virginia for all of my 10 years of my tenure, and the reality is, I have got big shoes to fill here. And in case I forget that, JOE reminds me of that every single day. Sometimes we disagree. But when we disagree, we do it respectfully and on the merits. We might disagree; we don't become disagreeable. The next day, we get up and fight for the things we both believe in, and that is to focus our energy on improving the lives of our neighbors. That is how JOE sees his constituents: Everybody is JOE's neighbor.

And that is what makes him a relentless advocate for our State. We have the same goals—all of us do—in mind of helping our States and our constituents. And in some ways, JOE and I have served like a tag team for our State. Sometimes he shows up when I can't get there, and he fills in for me. I show up when he can't get there, and I will fill in for him. And then we can come from both—we can do the double press. We can come from the Republican side, the Democrat side, and now we got the Independent side on our side. So we can really press, I think, and what that does is really has West Virginia punching above our weight here in the U.S. Senate.

It could be backing West Virginia jobs and economic development, fighting for our coal miners, standing up for our veterans, or addressing the challenges that face our rural communities. JOE has always led with conviction and a very steady hand.

I don't have time to list all of the efforts and successes that we have been able to work on together, and he has done many of these before I got here and way before I even became a Senator: UMWA pension bill, you mentioned that; New River Gorge Park and Preserve, huge victory for us; economic development issues that JOE mentioned; bipartisan infrastructure law; Mountain Valley Pipeline; Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub. It is interesting we have the same sort of recall of the things that we have been able to work on—Jessie's Law that JOE really pushed through in memory of a friend, a fellow State Senator whose daughter lost her life in an overdose, and so many, many more.

He has enlisted me to help steer him sometimes to get the West Virginia victories, and I am so proud of the accomplishments that we have had together. So thank you for that partnership, JOE. It has really been important to me.

Aside from his love of our home State, JOE possesses many other qualities worthy of a leader and a states-

man. There is much to say about JOE MANCHIN. He is a dealmaker for sure—probably started as a salesman, yes—voice of reason, a defender, as he said, of Senate traditions, and as Politico said, “The most powerful man in Washington.”

What do we think about that, JOE?

I assume JOE would just as well want to be remembered as a good and steady friend. There are people in West Virginia who say: If you want a friend, get a dog. I wasn't sure if I was actually going to say that in light of your successor, but I said it anyway. I assure you those folks have never met JOE MANCHIN.

Twenty years ago, I joined an all-male, all-Democrat West Virginia delegation here in Washington. I joked with JOE that I forced them to get out of the male restroom so we could have a delegation meeting, but JOE was always a warm and welcoming presence. He always picks up the phone if you need to chat; he is always ready for a joke, that is for sure; and he has been a shoulder to lean on during personal times.

When he was Governor, JOE and Gayle Manchin invited my whole family back to the Governor's mansion, where my parents had lived for 12 years, to show us around. It was a really special evening. It was a simple and kind gesture that meant a lot to our whole family, especially my mom and dad.

Years later, at my father's funeral, JOE delivered the eulogy and talked about his good friend, my dad, whom JOE always called “Chief.”

JOE has always been there for every West Virginia family. I will note that sometimes JOE can be just a bit too present. When I am home in West Virginia, he is sometimes like a shadow. I won't even tell about the last time I saw you. He is sometimes like a shadow I can't shake. One night many Christmases ago, I was running out of the house with my husband Charlie, and we were late for somewhere we needed to go, but the doorbell rings. I open the door. It is a group of Christmas carolers. And lo and behold, there is JOE MANCHIN singing Christmas carols. I don't know. They must have needed a baritone. I don't know what happened. But he is always there, even when you don't know when you really need him.

And my colleagues can testify, he has more energy than anybody I have ever met. He is everywhere. He is always traveling. He has always got that leg going too. I have noticed that. And he is always going fast. He has a prodigious lead foot—one I have personally experienced myself riding on motorcycles and in cars with him while traversing the country roads of West Virginia.

There was the one time we were traveling home late at night together. We were just going into Beckley, and I turned to JOE, and I said: Have you ever been stopped for speeding?

He said: More times than you would want to know.

The reason I asked, because I saw the light in the rearview mirror. Here he comes. The guy leans in, takes one look. The trooper leans in, takes one look at JOE and says: Hey, Governor.

And then JOE leans over to me and says: Well, look who I have got over here.

And the trooper says: Just be careful going on up the turnpike. But before I leave, can I take a selfie with the two of you?

We haven't seen that.

I happened to believe every man or woman lucky enough to be elected to the Senate embodies the unique qualities of his or her State, and that is JOE in a nutshell, an honest, caring, hard-working individual, with a bit of West Virginia appetite for exciting and dangerous. That is because JOE's roots run deep in West Virginia. He is West Virginian through and through. Never does his gaze wander from what he sees as his moral obligation to improve the lives of West Virginians. JOE's love of the Mountain State is the engine that powered his pursuit of public office, and I am sure it will continue to power his efforts once he leaves.

JOE may be leaving us, but I suspect his presence will continue to be felt in the many lasting relationships he has created over the years of his public service. I am even more certain that JOE will always be available for that phone call.

So congratulations, again, JOE. It has been a privilege to serve with you, and thank you for everything you have done for our State and our Nation. We are very appreciative.

I yield the floor.

(Applause. Senators rising.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELMY). The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, Senator JOE MANCHIN often recalls these words of wisdom from his grandmother:

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Knowledge and caring define JOE's public service, both here in the Senate and as Governor of his beloved West Virginia.

He has always been knowledgeable on the issues and offers practical solutions to real problems. He cares so deeply and so personally about the people he serves and, just as important, about the values that define America.

With our Nation increasingly polarized by extremists on both the far left and the far right, JOE is something that we need more of: an extreme moderate. As fiercely independent as the people of the Mountain State, he has demonstrated time and again the strength to stand against the destructive trend of hyperpartisanship, for JOE understands that politics is the art of compromise. He knows that working with those on opposite sides of an issue, figuring out what matters most to each side, and negotiating in good faith produces the best legislation that will withstand the test of time.

JOE has been such a positive force throughout his Senate service. In 2013, he was among the first Senators to join in forging an agreement to end a destructive government shutdown that was causing so much harm to our economy and to the faith of the American people who deserved to have their government operating. It was a courageous act for a freshman Senator, but he did it because it was the right thing to do.

In his firm stand—which we heard about again today—against eliminating the filibuster, we see another example of his courage and respect for this hallowed institution. He understands that this longstanding tradition of the Senate protects the rights of the minority and produces better legislation because it forces us to work together.

JOE has also been such a dear friend, and it has been a privilege to work closely with him on so many vital issues. After the turmoil following the 2020 election, we joined together to lead the bipartisan negotiations that produced the Electoral Count Reform Act.

JOE was also, as we have heard from his colleague from West Virginia, 1 of the 10 Senators who negotiated the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the most significant investment in American infrastructure since the establishment of the Interstate Highway System in the 1950s. He was vital in securing that long overdue victory for the American people.

Being an extreme moderate is not a job for the faint of heart. It means taking a lot of incoming fire from both sides of the political spectrum. But Senator JOE MANCHIN never flinches, and he always puts progress and problem-solving ahead of partisanship.

It has been such an honor to work closely with JOE on countless issues and to call him my dear friend. And, yes, I have had some wonderful times on that boat, the details of which will remain forever sealed.

I wish him and his wonderful wife Gayle all of the best in the years to come.

And I just have to say, JOE, I will miss you so much.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in rising to congratulate Senator MANCHIN on his highly successful and impactful career representing his home State of West Virginia in the U.S. Senate.

We know he served for 14 years. Over the last 4 years, he and I served together, and he served with great distinction as the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I had the honor, during those years, to work side by side with him as the ranking member of that committee, and I would just like to say that Senator MANCHIN has been a terrific partner to work with.

On issue after issue, JOE MANCHIN has demonstrated a resolute commitment

to bipartisanship. During his Senate career, he has honored the most defining and sacred traditions of this very body. Under his leadership, we have enacted important legislation, bipartisan in nature, that will make America and our allies stronger in not just the years but in decades to come.

Working together, we enacted the Nuclear Fuel Security Act, legislation to rebuild America's nuclear fuel supply chain. We renewed the compacts for free association to ensure that America does not cede ground to China in the Indo-Pacific, and we enacted a ban on the imports of Russian uranium to choke off the funds that Putin has used for his war machine. And, in July—this very July—under his leadership, we did what very few people thought was possible: We actually advanced permitting reform legislation with broad bipartisan support, passing the committee 15 to 4.

None of this would have happened without JOE MANCHIN's patience, his persistence, and his perseverance. So I want to express my personal gratitude to JOE MANCHIN and his entire family. I want to thank him for working with Republicans. I want to thank him for his steadfast support of the filibuster. And I want to thank him for putting the American people and this U.S. Senate ahead of any personal or party interests.

I know I speak for many—and it was an astounding number of people and Senators on the Senate floor for his farewell address—when I say we are indebted to him, and we are going to miss him. He did important work in this body. He passed impactful legislation, and he leaves us with important lessons for the future.

We will miss you. We wish you the very, very best.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I want to make sure we give a little bit of the Democratic response.

I had the opportunity to get to know JOE and Gayle—Lisa and I did—when he was a Governor. And JOE gave this incredibly moving, important speech today. He left out one small part, because when he was making the decision to leave—Gayle, as you know, he has described it many times as the best job ever—he called me. And I said: JOE, come here, and we can do a whole lot of things.

And I say to my Republican colleagues, he was that independent streak from his first caucus meeting. We had our caucus lunch. You know, he did not adhere to the “freshman should be seen but not speak.” So he got up, early on in the lunch, and was already complaining about the job. He sat down, and, I swear to goodness—and, Gayle, we have talked about this—at the end of the lunch, he got up for a second time because he wanted to remind us that when he was Governor of the great State of West Virginia, he

had two airplanes, a helicopter, and control of the whole National Guard, and now he is reduced to a junior Senator.

Over the years, he has reminded me often of that call. As people talked, he sometimes would complain about the process or what was happening this week or that week on the floor. And as has been echoed by everyone else, one of the things that JOE always stood for and has always been about is this notion that we ought to reason together. We have been in more groups or gangs—or whatever description you want to have of a bipartisan association—whenever that has happened, in his 14 years in the Senate, he has been involved in every one of them.

And the list of accomplishments that you laid out and your colleagues—our friends from the Republican side—laid out, that is a remarkable body of work, and it is a tribute not only to your staff and your family. It is also a tribute to the great people of West Virginia. And, quite honestly, this country is better because of your bipartisan work in the U.S. Senate.

And I join with all who love you and your family. We know you are not going far. We look forward to many times of bringing us together in the future.

And I think, at some point, you owe it to the body to acknowledge that you are actually glad you made that change to come to this body. West Virginia is better for it. The country is better for it. And I know it has been a challenge at times for the family, but, at the end of the day, I know they are incredibly proud of the great work you have done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I am not going to take long because I know we are delayed from a vote. But I had the privilege of working with this young man from West Virginia for some time. As a matter of fact, as the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, he took responsibility for overseeing the national parks, and he had never been to the State that has five of them, the State of Utah. So I invited him and his wife Gayle to come visit us in Utah and visit some of our national parks. And we walked together and hiked together, and he made sure that Gayle was able to make it through all of the rocks and crevices and see the beauty of our great land, one more State.

But I have come to know this man not just by virtue of his physical prowess but as a man of character. And a number of people have spoken about the legislation that he has worked on, and we worked together on several pieces of legislation and accomplished a great deal. But that which has stood out in my experience with JOE MANCHIN is that he is a man who stands by his belief. He is a man of principle and character. And my life's lesson has

been that one person of conscience and character can change a whole nation. And JOE has had that kind of influence on the people of his State and the people around him, the people in this body, and the people in our Nation. And so I salute, along with my colleagues, the great Senator from the State of West Virginia, JOE MANCHIN.

Thank you, my friend.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I want to thank each and every one of my colleagues—all of you. And it has been an honor of a lifetime. It truly has been. And it is something that I will take with me for the rest of my life. And my family will too. But I really mean this: I think there are so many good people who are serving here and who have served here and will continue to serve in honor and dignity and respect and making sure that we do the job we were elected to do.

With that, let me just say to all of you, thank you for the kindness you have showed me, the friendship. And I am not a “big dog” person. So I need each one of you all to be my friend, and I appreciate that so much.

Mr. President, before I forget, I want to ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a list of all my staff for the last 14 years.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Lauren Alfred, 2011–2012; Brian Aluisse, 2017–2024; D. Todd Anderson, 2011–2014; Bianca Andre, 2018–2021; Sylvia Asbury, 2017–2025; Ryan Atassi, 2023–2025; Armando Avila, 2019–2022; R. Taylor Barden, 2015; Michael Barker, 2012–2014; Luke Bassett, 2019–2022; Charlotte Bellotte, 2019–2022; John Beresford, 2020–2021; Terri Berkley, 2018–2025; Kimberly Berry, 2015–2025; Adam Berry, 2019–2022; Anthony Bethas, 2023–2024; Emily Bittner, 2011–2013; Renae Black, 2019–2025; Mara Boggs, 2012–2025; Christopher Bowman, 2023–2025.

Peter Bowman, 2015; Bailey Bradley, 2023–2024; Elizabeth Breckenridge, 2011; Tyler Brewster, 2019–2021; Jennifer Brody, 2014; John David Brooks, 2019–2025; Jordan Brossi, 2021–2023; Mary Jo Brown, 2011–2018; Robert Brown, 2022–2023; Perrin Brown, 2022–2025; Michael Browning, 2012–2025; Jan Brunner, 2012–2015; Emma Bryan, 2017–2023; Nicole Buell, 2019–2022; Michael Burgio, 2018; Erin Burns, 2011–2015; Charles Byers, 2021; Megan Caldwell, 2023–2024; Douglass Calidas, 2016–2017; Maria Camacho, 2023.

Christopher Cannon, 2015–2016; Phillip Cantrell, 2015; Gregory Carroll, 2024; Kevin Carson, 2018–2021; Trevor Carson, 2024–2025; Katherine Cassling, 2014–2019; Emily Castleberry, 2010–2015; Taylor Chapman, 2023–2024; Olivia Chartier, 2020–2023; Christopher Chiles, 2013–2016; Benjamin Cichorz, 2016; John Conrad, 2024–2025; Alexandra Conroy, 2012–2015; Marcus Constantino, 2019–2025; Seth Coppe, 2014–2015; Clayton Crabtree, 2012–2015; Russell Cummings, 2012; Milisa Cutlip, 2010–2011; Alexander Damato, 2015–2017; Bryer Davis, 2016–2021.

Roseanna Davis, 2010–2012; Jonathan Deem, 2010–2011; Jobeth Delawder, 2018–2022; Clayton Deutsch, 2023–2025; Robert Diznoff, 2010–2012; Sean Dzierzanowski, 2022; Marion Emerson, 2021–2022; Anna Engle, 2018–2025; Chase Farmer, 2011–2015; Emily Farnell, 2015–2020; Grace Fennell, 2015–2016; Roseann Ferro,

2021–2025; Sam Fowler, 2019–2025; Amelia Fox, 2021–2022; Samuel Frazier, 2010–2011; Seth Gainer, 2018–2023; Michael Garcia, 2017–2023; Lee Garton, 2010–2015; James Gaylor, 2021; Molly George, 2010–2012.

Daniel Gilbert, 2013; Kelley Goes, 2011–2013; Marni Goldberg, 2011–2012; Katherine Goldstuck, 2024–2025; Kimberly Good, 2010–2018; William Gorby, 2014; Christopher Gould, 2010–2011; Geraldine Greene, 2010–2020; Christopher Gsell, 2014–2015; Mary Jo Guidi, 2012–2025; Phil Hancock, 2019–2021; Jonathan Harris, 2022–2023; Peggy Hawse, 2011–2018; Clayton Patrick Hayes, 2011–2019; Erin Heeter, 2019–2023; Lauren Herbster, 2013–2016; Grant Herring, 2019; Christine Hewett, 2010–2022; Alex Hewitt, 2023–2025; Michael Hill, 2011–2012.

Amanda Hoffman, 2021–2022; Bridget Hogan, 2018–2019; Madeline Hornbuckle, 2019–2020; Spenser Horton, 2022–2024; Elliot Howard, 2016–2021; Zachary Hoyle, 2015–2018; Alyse Huffman, 2023–2025; Paul Hutton, 2014–2015; Ainsley Jamieson, 2023–2025; Frank Jezioro, 2015–2025; Turner Jones, 2024–2025; Andi Jordon, 2023–2025; Jordan Kahn, 2019; Christoph Keller, 2011–2012; Kenneth Kern, 2015; Sarah Kessel, 2021–2025; Nicholas Killmer, 2023–2025; Francis King, 2010–2011; Charles Kinney, 2010–2011; Clara Kinney, 2023.

Chris Kofinis, 2010–2012; Jonathan Kott, 2013–2019; Wes Kungel, 2015–2025; Jason Lambert, 2017; Sam Lane, 2023–2025; David Laporte, 2011–2016; Charlotte Laracy, 2023–2025; Jennifer Laux, 2023–2025; Malgorzata Lawrynowicz, 2011–2013; Ivan Lee II, 2014–2015; Colleen Lewis, 2016–2025; Carrie Libell, 2022; Lauren Linn (Strickland), 2011–2014; Katherine Longo, 2011–2015; Thomas Lucas, 2015–2021; Wendy Madden, 2022–2024; Leigh Maiden, 2015–2018; Amber McCartney, 2011–2022; Katey McCutcheon, 2015–2020; Jack McGee, 2019–2024.

Keith McIntosh, 2010–2025; Joanne McLaughlin, 2010–2012; Allison McNeill, 2014–2018; Kirtan Mehta, 2011–2015; Lisa Michalek, 2010–2011; Deborah Miller, 2010–2014; Erica Miller, 2013; Alison Mitchell, 2015–2024; Travis Mollohan, 2010–2014; Robert Moser, 2020; Sean Mullin, 2023–2025; Ryan Murguia, 2022–2025; Cameron Nelson, 2017–2021; Erik Neville, 2015–2017; Ricky Nussio, 2016–2017; John O'Donnell, 2014–2015; Maggie Oliverio, 2023–2025; Scott Olson, 2023; Jeremy Ortiz, 2019–2022; Christopher Osman, 2022–2025.

Dane Osthoff, 2023; Daniel Palken, 2023–2025; Levi Patterson, 2022–2024; Sara Payne, 2011–2017; Claire Perkins, 2018; Jimmy Perry, 2023–2024; Bryan Petit, 2019–2023; Amelia Petrucci, 2022–2025; Melissa Phalen, 2010–2021; Sylvia Pletos, 2010–2011; Anne Raffaelli, 2021–2023; Whitney Ramey Thompson, 2021–2022; Justin Ray, 2016–2018; Angela Retton, 2019–2020; Daniel Roberts, 2010–2011; Kathleen Roberts, 2022–2025; Lauren Roberts; 2011–2012; Andrew Robinson, 2021–2025; Hayden Rogers, 2013–2015; Holly Rooper, 2019–2020.

Alyssa Rosa, 2024; David Rosner, 2022–2024; Samantha Runyon, 2015–2023; Sakala Rutherford, 2012–2014; Aaron Scheinberg, 2019–2021; Jessica Sell, 2012–2016; Janice Sessing, 2017; Julian Sham, 2023–2024; Chris Sharer, 2018–2025; C. Scott Shepard, 2012–2014; Logan Shomo, 2019–2023; Charles Shull, 2024–2025; Nora Simón, 2024–2025; Janna Simonsen, 2023–2024; Jennifer Smith, 2015–2017; Audrey Smith, 2019–2025; Benjamin Spurlock, 2020–2023; Peter Stanley, 2019–2024; Lorea Stallard, 2012; Rory Stanley, 2019–2023.

Sarah Stevenson, 2023; Maria Stonestreet, 2012–2022; Jimmy Strawn, 2024–2025; Sarah Summers, 2024–2025; Hannah Sztorc, 2022–2025; Thomas Tarka, 2013; Caitlin Teare, 2011–2012; Ryan Thorn, 2017–2022; Melanie Thornton, 2019–2025; Jessica Tice, 2017–2018; Chris Tishue, 2010–2025; Beau Tremiere, 2012–2014; Zahava Urecki, 2016–2025; Brie Van Cleve, 2019–2023; Logan Van De Water, 2022–2025;

Aurelyn Van Kirk, 2023–2025; Sarah Venuto, 2016–2019; Benjamin Vester, 2020–2024; Sarah Waddill, 2024–2025; Carol Wallace, 2010–2011.

Kimberly Waller, 2012–2013; Angela Walsh, 2012–2022; Nick Ward, 2014–2015; Lance West, 2012–2023; Aidan Whittler, 2022–2025; Deborah Whittler, 2022; Christopher Williamson, 2012–2013; Kadey Witter, 2015–2017; Raymond Wittlinger, 2011; and Michael Youngson, 2015.

Mr. MANCHIN. Again, I say thank you. God bless you for the opportunity and experience of a lifetime. And I love each and every one of you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. JOE, we are letting you have the last word here.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask the Chair to execute the order of November 20 with respect to the Weilheimer nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

NOMINATION OF GAIL A. WEILHEIMER

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Pennsylvania State Court Judge Gail Weilheimer to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Weilheimer's impressive career as a litigator, combined with her experience as a State court judge, will make her an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

After earning both her B.A. and J.D. from Hofstra University, Judge Weilheimer began her legal career in public service as an assistant district attorney at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted a variety of crimes, from misdemeanors and juvenile cases to violent crimes.

Judge Weilheimer then transitioned to private practice, first at Abrahams, Loewenstein and Bushman; then Frank & Rosen, LLP; and finally at Wisler Pearlstine, LLP. In private practice, she represented various clients, from hospitals and doctors to public school districts and individuals. In her nearly two decades as a litigator, Judge Weilheimer tried more than 400 cases to verdict prior to taking the bench.

Since 2014, Judge Weilheimer has served as a judge on the Montgomery Court of Common Pleas, where she has presided over more than 500 trials that have gone to verdict and she has issued more than 200 written opinions.

Judge Weilheimer has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. CASEY and Mr. FETTERMAN. In addition, she was rated unanimously "well qualified" by the American Bar Association.

I urge my colleagues to support Judge Weilheimer's nomination.

VOTE ON WEILHEIMER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Weilheimer nomination?

Ms. HASSAN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 308 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—48

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

NOT VOTING—2

Sinema	Vance
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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.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the Brindisi nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 848; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to re-

consider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of the following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624: to be Major General, Brig. Gen. Walker M. Field and Brig. Gen. Jason G. Woodworth.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to Field and Woodworth nominations?

The nominations were confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

RECOGNIZING UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND STEAM-FITTERS LOCAL 598

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 598 as they mark their 80th anniversary. For eight decades, this organization has been a cornerstone of labor in my home State of Washington and an essential partner in our Nation's progress.

In 1944, during a critical time in our history, the U.A. chartered Local 598 to support the national security mission at the Hanford site in southeastern Washington. Local 598 members were not merely workers; they were heroes who played a vital role in constructing the infrastructure that safeguarded our country during World War II and the Cold War. In recent decades, Local 598 members have been an integral part of the Hanford cleanup mission. Their efforts exemplify the labor movement's spirit of resilience and commitment to community and environmental health. This is not just about history; it is about the ongoing journey toward a safer future for all.

Local 598's impact extends far beyond the Hanford site. Their skilled tradespeople have shaped numerous sectors—from energy infrastructure and fish hatcheries to schools, hospitals, and manufacturing facilities. Through robust training programs and apprenticeships, Local 598 has continually invested in the next generation of skilled craftspeople, ensuring that our workforce is equipped to meet contemporary challenges. Their commitment