

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE
CALENDAR

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Mark Eskenazi's and Amanda Wood Laihow's nominations to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

I want to note for my colleagues that the Commission has not had a quorum since April of 2023 and, as a result, has been unable to decide cases for more than a year. Delays with the Commission's cases create significant risks to workers, and that is, in part, because, when an employer appeals a citation, they don't have to fix the alleged hazard until the Commission issues a final decision.

Mr. Eskenazi is currently an Assistant General Counsel at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and previously has held numerous positions at the National Labor Relations Board.

This is Ms. Wood Laihow's second nomination to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. She was previously confirmed in January of 2020. Prior to her role on this Commission, she has served as the director of labor and employment policy for the National Association of Manufacturers and as deputy general counsel for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

I support this bipartisan pair of nominees that will allow the Commission to have a quorum, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 374 and 785; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; and that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I am disappointed that my Republican colleague has blocked the confirmations of these nominees. These nominees have been held up since last year, and it is time to end these delays and confirm these nominees.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I ask that the scheduled vote occur immediately.

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

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Sarah Morgan Davenport, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

NOMINATION OF SARAH MORGAN DAVENPORT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Sarah Davenport to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.

Ms. Davenport's impressive career as a dedicated public servant for nearly two decades, combined with her Federal court experience, will make her an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

After earning her bachelor of music from New Mexico State University and her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, Ms. Davenport began her legal career at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico, where she has spent the entirety of her career.

Ms. Davenport first served as a law clerk for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Unit. She then served as a special assistant U.S. attorney, where she prosecuted drug trafficking, immigration, and firearms offenses. In 2009, Ms. Davenport became an assistant U.S. attorney, primarily handling complex drug trafficking and money laundering investigations.

Since 2022, she has served as a supervisory assistant U.S. attorney, where she oversees prosecutors in her office who handle immigration, firearms, drug trafficking, white collar, and violent crime offenses.

Ms. Davenport has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. HEINRICH and Mr. LUJÁN. In addition, Ms. Davenport was rated unanimously "qualified" by the American Bar Association.

I urge my colleagues to support Ms. Davenport's nomination.

VOTE ON DAVENPORT NOMINATION

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

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, 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 Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 314 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Cardin	Durbin
Bennet	Carper	Fetterman
Blumenthal	Casey	Gillibrand
Booker	Collins	Hassan
Brown	Coons	Heinrich
Butler	Cortez Masto	Helmy
Cantwell	Duckworth	Hickenlooper

Hirono
Kaine
Kelly
King
Klobuchar
Luján
Manchin
Markey
Merkley
Murkowski
Murphy

Murray
Ossoff
Padilla
Peters
Reed
Rosen
Sanders
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Smith

Stabenow
Tester
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—45

Barrasso
Blackburn
Boozman
Braun
Britt
Budd
Capito
Cassidy
Cornyn
Cotton
Cramer
Crapo
Cruz
Daines
Ernst

Fischer
Graham
Grassley
Hagerty
Hawley
Hoeben
Hyde-Smith
Johnson
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Lummis
Marshall
McConnell
Mullin

Paul
Ricketts
Risch
Romney
Rounds
Rubio
Schmitt
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—3

Moran

Sinema

Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). 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.

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 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. 845, Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Ben Ray Lujan, Patty Murray, Alex Padilla, Peter Welch, Jeff Merkley, Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher A. Coons, Debbie Stabenow, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine.

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 Tiffany Rene Johnson, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

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

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator

from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 315 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—45

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

NOT VOTING—5

Cornyn	Rubio	Vance
Moran	Sinema	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELMY). The yeas are 50, the nays are 45.

The motion is agreed to.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Keli Marie Neary, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

FAREWELL TO THE SENATE

Ms. BUTLER. Mr. President, I rise to join in the honored tradition of the Senate to offer my final floor remarks before departing.

Interestingly, I rise to let the pages know that, breaking traditional Senate practice, there are no written remarks for you to come pick up. I decided just this morning that I was going to write a different speech, that I was going to offer words of my own as I mark what is the end of a journey for me.

As I end this journey as the junior Senator representing 40 million Californians, it is a day that I want to thank them and thank Governor Newsom for giving me the honor and privilege of serving our great State.

It has been a remarkable honor, a completely unimagined adventure to

follow in the footsteps of Dianne Feinstein, who so ably served in this Chamber for more than 30 years, and to be blessed to walk the same hallways as Senator Carol Moseley Braun and share the same office space as Vice President KAMALA HARRIS. It truly has been an unbelievable privilege.

Indeed, the footsteps that I have had the opportunity to follow in this walk of service have been filled with decency, honor, integrity, and courage. I can only hope that for the people of California, I was able to do half as well as those who came before me.

As is true for all of us and for those who came before, this journey of public service is not one that we travel alone. Along with us, on the rough side of the mountain, is our staff, the staff who work so hard to help keep the pace, who help to plot the path and bring all of the supplies and make sure that no one is lost or left behind.

I want to thank my capable, incredibly talented staff for making sure that we never lost sight of our North Star, the people of California. They have given not only their hard work and long hours but their brilliant minds and all of their hearts to make sure that the last 14 months have truly been impactful. For all of that, I will forever be grateful.

I know that it is most often true that in the traversing of the roads of service, it is often our family and our friends who serve as the fuel that keeps us going day by day. That has been certainly true for me.

My wife and daughter—Neneki and Nylah—have refilled my tank and refilled my cup at the moments that I thought that I was running low. So to them, I am grateful for never letting me run out.

To my mother, who has watched more C-SPAN in the last 14 months than in all of her 71 years, my brothers, my sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends, just when the clouds get low and start to look a little heavy, it has been your cards, your texts, your letters, your visits to DC that truly have brought out the sunshine. So, to all of you, I am deeply grateful and cannot thank you enough.

To my colleagues and fellow travelers, you have truly made this journey special. The old quote by Tim Cahill that says “A journey is best measured in friends rather than miles” is true for me. You have all given me so much to make this journey one to enjoy. It could not have been more true in my short time. I don’t have the years or been able to plot the miles of any of my colleagues who have spoken up to this point as they prepare to leave, but I have had the opportunity to build what I believe will be lifelong friendships along this entire journey, and for that—on both sides of the aisle—I truly know that I am grateful.

I want to give a special shout-out to my senior Senator ALEX PADILLA and his kind and generous comments from yesterday. He has been like a tour

guide on this incredible ride, always carrying the compass, making sure I don’t stray too far off the path but knowing full well that I am a traveler who is intent on walking her own way. Senator PADILLA has supported me all along the journey, and I am grateful.

I know that Senator-elect SCHIFF is here, and I appreciate him and his support throughout this transition and also a special call to Leader CHUCK SCHUMER, who has given and, throughout these 14 months, offered his wisdom and his trust, his friendship. I am deeply, deeply grateful.

Mr. President, what I know is that I stand on the floor of the Senate as a 14-month Senator, but my road to justice and the pursuit of justice has been much longer than 14 months. I know that I only stand here because of the men and women, the working families of SCIU and our labor movement, and I couldn’t end this term without thanking them for sharing with me and inviting me into their stories of courage and hope for what is possible in our great country. I want them to know that I carry their stories with me and I carry their families with me, in my head and in my heart, here in the Senate and wherever it is that I go.

Mr. President, in my final few minutes, I want to end my time in the Senate the way that I began it. On this floor, I gave my first speech talking with and about America’s “now generation”: our young leaders, future Members of Congress, carpenters, plumbers, firefighters, nurses, police officers. I talked with them about what I had heard from them, from so many of them, about what was important. So in my last remarks, I want to come back to them, talk with and about them, offer a few lessons from this experience here with all of you.

All summer long, this “now generation” has been bopping to the masterful beats of California’s own Kendrick Lamar. We all have been hearing from radio waves and all in our iPods the anthem that “they not like us.” As I celebrate what has become a global hit—I, too, have listened to it on repeat so often all throughout the summer—I want America’s young leaders to know that the words of Kendrick are just that—words, lyrics in a historic rap battle, sources of great entertainment and joy. What they are not are words upon which we should build our communities or the future of our country because, indeed, “they” are exactly “like us.”

You see, when I was 5, I went to Levi’s Temple Head Start Center in Magnolia, MS. Of course, in Head Start, children get just that—a head start in learning the foundational lessons of preparing to be in a school environment. As I have been reflecting on this time and the lessons that this time has given me, I realized that in that old church building in Head Start, the experience there actually shaped who I have become. The seeds planted in Head Start are ones that have grown