

will now present themselves at the desk, the Chair will administer the oaths of office.

The Senator-designate, ANDY KIM, escorted by Mr. BOOKER; the Senator-designate, PETE RICKETTS, escorted by Mrs. FISCHER; and the Senator-designate, ADAM B. SCHIFF, escorted by Mr. PADILLA, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). The Senator from Illinois.

NOMINATION OF TIFFANY RENE JOHNSON

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Tiffany Johnson to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Ms. Johnson's impressive career in public service, combined with her Federal court experience, will make her an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

After earning her B.A. from Princeton University and her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law, Ms. Johnson began her career in private practice as an associate at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs, LLP, where she focused on a wide range of complex commercial litigation.

In 2017, Ms. Johnson transitioned to public service, joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia as an assistant U.S. attorney. In that role, she has litigated both civil and criminal cases in all stages of proceedings, from conducting fact and expert depositions in civil matters, to prosecuting white-collar and public corruption crimes.

Ms. Johnson has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. OSSOFF and Mr. WARNOCK. In addition, she was rated "well qualified" by the American Bar Association.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled rollcall vote start immediately.

VOTE ON JOHNSON NOMINATION

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

Mr. DURBIN. 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

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

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

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 317 Ex.]

YEAS—48

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—8

Cassidy	Moran	Sinema
Fetterman	Risch	Vance
Lujan	Rubio	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). 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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 783.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2029 (Reappointment).

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 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. 783, Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2029. (Reappointment)

Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray, Mark R. Warner, Jeanne Shaheen, Martin Heinrich, Jon Tester, Christopher A. Coons, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed, Debbie Stabenow, Amy Klobuchar, Maria Cantwell, Gary C. Peters, Benjamin L. Cardin, Ron Wyden, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Brian Schatz, Sheldon Whitehouse.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 784.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2027.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 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. 784, Joshua L. Ditelberg, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2027.

Charles E. Schumer, Mark R. Warner, Jeanne Shaheen, Martin Heinrich, Jon Tester, Christopher A. Coons, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed, Debbie Stabenow, Amy Klobuchar, Gary C. Peters,

Benjamin L. Cardin, Ron Wyden, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sherrod Brown, Brian Schatz, Sheldon Whitehouse, Thomas R. Carper.

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.

DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2024

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am placing a hold on S. 4996, the Dakota Water Resources Act Amendments of 2024. This bill authorizes the appropriation of more than \$1.5 billion to further the construction of projects that directly and indirectly facilitate the diversion of water outside of the Missouri River basin. Despite the precedent this will set and the impacts these projects will have on the future of water supply for downstream States along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, the Bureau of Reclamation has only held two meetings with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, one in 2010 and the other in 2015. The Bureau has not engaged with any other downstream States or impacted interests, which includes municipal water supply users, navigators, and electric utilities.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT KATRINA BUTLER

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize SMSgt Katrina Butler for her dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force and the Senate as a legislative defense fellow. Katrina has served as a vital part of my team since January 2024 as a trusted adviser on issues relating to the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Katrina enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August 2006. She deployed in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel and was stationed at the Pentagon as a senior enlisted leader at U.S. Air Force headquarters. She has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal, among other decorations.

Her effort and passion stood out as a valuable member of my legislative team. I am proud to have had someone like Katrina on my staff who understands the significance of maintaining America's air superiority and caring for our servicemembers and their families.

During her tenure in my office, she made integral contributions to the U.S. Senate Air Force Caucus, leading mul-

tiple trips and hosting numerous key leader engagements that helped grow the relationship between lawmakers and the service during an active year.

As she is soon to be promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant, Katrina's character and consistent display of knowledge, leadership, and devotion deserve to be recognized and rewarded.

I am incredibly grateful for her dedication to serving the people of Arkansas. Both in the Nation's Capital and while visiting the Natural State, she spoke with and actively listened to our State's military, veterans and their families.

We have been very fortunate to have Katrina's expertise and knowledge enhancing my team's work on defense and veterans policy. I also want to thank her husband Mr. Shikeem Butler and her beloved children Jaden, Laila, and Micah for their support during her time in uniform. Growing up in a military family, I understand that service in the Armed Forces is a family affair and impossible without their sacrifice.

We appreciate Katrina's continued service to the U.S. Air Force and all her heartfelt, committed work as a member of my staff. Having her on my team has been a privilege, and she will always be welcome. I know she will remain an asset to our military and veterans in addition to any other endeavors she pursues; I wish her and her family the best and congratulate Katrina on this well-deserved promotion.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ED CROSS

• Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, today, I rise to honor and recognize Ed Cross for his 21 years of service as president of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association.

A leading advocate for Kansas independent oil and natural gas producers, Ed had an active presence in both State and Federal legislation throughout his tenure. On behalf of the State of Kansas, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the way in which Ed enhanced the oil and natural gas industry in both Kansas and throughout our Nation.

During his tenure, Ed was Kansas' appointed associate representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and was recognized for his leadership by being awarded the 2015 Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Stripper Well Association. More recently, in November 2018, he was a finalist for the Petroleum Economist magazine's Energy Executive of the Year award.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ed for his work on behalf of Kansas' independent oil and natural gas producers, as well as in wishing him the best of luck in his new position with the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. •

REMEMBERING VINCENT LEGGETT

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life of the late Vincent "Vince" Leggett of Baltimore, MD.

Mr. Leggett was born in East Baltimore in 1953 to Charlie and Willie Mae Leggett. After attending local schools, Mr. Leggett attended Morgan State University before continuing on to Central Michigan University, where he earned his master's in public administration in 1999.

Mr. Leggett would often spend his summers as a child traveling south to North Carolina to tend to his family's farm. It was through this and his love for experiencing the outdoors with his family that inspired his career in conservation. In 1984, Mr. Leggett materialized his passion into the Blacks of the Chesapeake Project in which he worked tirelessly to not only preserve African-American maritime history in our region but also to advocate for environmental justice for African-Americans in the DMV area. His efforts led to the establishment of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation that we know today.

Under Mr. Leggett's direction, the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation cultivated a tremendous archive of Black maritime stories. In 2000, the foundation was designated as a Local Legacy Project by the Library of Congress and U.S. Congress. Because of his work, Mr. Leggett was also awarded the honor of Admiral of the Chesapeake, a lifetime achievement award given by the Governor to those committed to conserving the bay. Most recently, he was working with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Maryland State Archives to digitize the collection and make it more accessible to the community.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Leggett's family for his service. In honoring those who came before him, Mr. Leggett also cemented his own legacy as a conservationist champion to all in our community. He will be sorely missed by all, but his impact will continue to carry on for years to come. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 6, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 91. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 4243. An act to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

H.R. 1432. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to