

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 69, Reed Rubinstein, postcloture, if cloture is invoked; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Rubinstein nomination, and if cloture is then invoked on Calendar No. 71, Troy Meink, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; that at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Meink nomination, followed by the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 83, James Danly; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider 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.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the cloture vote on the Rubinstein nomination and the Senate resuming legislative session.

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

#### 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 bill 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. 69, Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John R. Curtis, Rick Scott of Florida, Bernie Moreno, Pete Ricketts, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger Marshall, Jim Justice, Tommy Tuberville, Bill Hagerty, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Marsha Blackburn, Tim Sheehy.

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 Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, 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. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 243 Ex.]

#### YEAS—52

Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

#### NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murray	Warnock
Fetterman	Ossoff	Warren
Gallago	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—3

Gillibrand	Graham	Murphy
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 45.

The motion is agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Reed Rubinstein, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

#### U.S. SENATE HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES REGULATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, pursuant to Senate Rule XXXIII, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted the U.S. Senate Health and Fitness Facilities Regulations, on

May 6, 2025, which supersede and replace the current "Guidelines for Senate Tennis Courts," "Regulations for the Senate Health Facility in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol," and "Regulations Governing Use of the Senate Health and Fitness Facility."

The updated regulations consolidate rules for the use of the fitness facilities, including the Senators' gym, staff gym, and athletic courts. The updated regulations define eligible staff for membership purposes and reflect current operational practices.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the regulations as adopted be printed in the RECORD.

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

#### U.S. SENATE HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES REGULATIONS

[Adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 6, 2025, pursuant to rule XXXIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate]

1.0 SCOPE—The United States Senate offers the use of health and fitness facilities within the Senate office buildings to Senators and staff. These regulations establish the policies, procedures, and management responsibilities for these facilities.

2.0 DEFINITIONS—For purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the meaning specified.

2.1 AOC means the Architect of the Capitol.

2.2 *Athletic courts* means the multi-sport courts located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

2.3 *Disbursing Office* means the Secretary of the Senate's Disbursing Office.

2.4 *Eligible senator* means a U.S. Senator.

2.5 *Eligible staff* means an employee of the Senate, employee of the Superintendent's Office, a Senate detailee or paid fellow whose contract duration is greater than or equal to six months, or an employee of a federal government agency liaison office housed within Senate space. Interns, clerks, unpaid fellows, members of the media, and other non-government employees that provide services to the Senate are not covered under this term.

2.6 *Fitness facilities* means the U.S. Senate Health and Fitness Facilities, including the Senators' gym, staff gym, athletic courts, and all the associated equipment, furnishings, and fixtures.

2.7 *Membership* means the ongoing state of being qualified to use the fitness facilities by meeting the criteria to be an eligible senator or staffer and paying the required membership fee.

2.8 *Membership fee* means the monthly or annual payment made to maintain a fitness facilities membership.

2.9 *Rules Committee* means the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

2.10 *Senators' gym* means the gym located in the Russell Senate Office Building.

2.11 *Superintendent's Office* means the Architect of the Capitol's Senate Superintendent Office.

2.12 *Staff gym* means the gym located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

2.13 *Support office* means the office of an internal congressional entity that provides services to the U.S. Senate including but not limited to, the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, and the United States Capitol Police.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION—The AOC shall supervise and manage the fitness facilities

subject to rules, regulations, policies, and fee structures approved by the Rules Committee.

3.1 The Senators' gym is reserved only for use by eligible senators with memberships. No guests of any sort are permitted.

3.2 The staff gym is reserved only for use by eligible staff with memberships. No guests of any sort are permitted.

3.3 The athletic courts are reserved only for use by eligible senators with memberships to the Senators' gym, their current Chiefs of Staff and/or Staff Directors with memberships to the staff gym, and support office programs approved by the Rules Committee. Guests are permitted pursuant to section 5.4.

3.4 No photography, filming, live streaming, or media related activities are permitted in the fitness facilities.

3.5 No food or event setup is permitted in the fitness facilities.

3.6 The maximum occupancy for the courts is determined by the AOC Fire Marshal and shall not be exceeded.

**MEMBERSHIP**—Prior to using a fitness facility, eligible senators and staff shall fill out a membership application to their respective fitness facility, which must be approved or denied by the AOC.

4.1 If an eligible senator's membership is approved by the AOC, the senator shall pay a monthly or annual membership fee through the Disbursing Office.

4.1.1 The Disbursing Office shall provide monthly the list of senators paying a membership fee to the AOC.

4.2 If an eligible staffer's membership is approved by the AOC, the staffer shall pay a monthly membership fee through the AOC.

4.3 Memberships are continuous until the eligible senator or staff cancels the membership or no longer meets the criteria for membership.

4.4 A membership may be revoked by the AOC in cases of noncompliance with fitness facilities policies.

**ATHLETIC COURT RESERVATIONS**—Reservations are required to use the athletics courts.

5.1 Reservations shall be made through the AOC no more than one month in advance.

5.2 Reservations are first come, first served, and can be no more than two hours in length.

5.3 Senator reservations have priority and shall supersede the reservations of Chiefs of Staff and Staff Directors if the same reservation time period is requested.

5.4 Reservations may include guests without memberships, so long as the reservation holder is present for the entire duration of the reservation.

#### U.S. SENATE HALLWAYS AND BALCONIES REGULATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, pursuant to Senate Rule XXXIII, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted the U.S. Senate Hallways and Balconies Regulations, on May 9, 2025, which supersede and replace the current "Display of Flags and State Senate Seals in Hallways Outside Senator's Offices."

The updated regulations include a new scope and definitions section, updated language for unobstructed hallways and the display of flags, and memorialize the renumbering and policies for the use of Senate balconies.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the regulations as adopted be printed in the RECORD.

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

#### U.S. SENATE HALLWAYS AND BALCONIES REGULATIONS

[Adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 9, 2025]

1.0 **SCOPE**—These regulations are applicable to all hallways and balconies in the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol.

2.0 **DEFINITIONS**—For purposes of these regulations, the following terms have the meaning specified.

2.1 *Balconies* means the outdoor platforms attached to the Senate Office Buildings and Senate wing of the Capitol that are accessible by a window or door.

2.2 *Capitol Superintendent* means the Architect of the Capitol's Capitol Superintendent's Office.

2.3 *Committee office* means the office of a standing, select, or joint committee of the U.S. Senate.

2.4 *Event space* means any space the Rules Committee authorizes to be reserved by a member office, committee office, leadership office, or Senate support office for Senate business related functions.

2.5 *External support office* means the office of an external entity housed within Senate space that provides services to the Senate, including federal government liaison offices, independent government commissions, and non-government entities such as contractors, credit unions, restaurants, and other private service organizations.

2.6 *Leadership office* means the offices of the U.S. Senate majority and minority leaders, majority and minority whips, party conferences, and party policy committees.

2.7 *Member office* means the personal office of a U.S. Senator.

2.8 *Official signage* means all temporary and permanent signs in the Senate Office Buildings and Senate wing of the Capitol.

2.9 *Rules Committee* means the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

2.10 *Senate offices* means all member, committee, leadership, Senate support, and external support offices located in Senate space.

2.11 *Senate Office Buildings* means all space in the Russell Senate Office Building, the Russell Courtyard, the Senate garages, the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and the Hart Senate Office Building.

2.12 *Senate Superintendent* means the Architect of the Capitol Executive Director of Facilities Operations, Senate Office Buildings.

2.13 *Senate support office* means the office of an internal congressional entity that provides services to the Senate, including the Architect of the Capitol, the Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Attending Physician, Senate Legal Counsel, and Senate Legislative Counsel.

2.14 *Senate wing of the Capitol* means all space on the Senate side of the U.S. Capitol Building, including the Senate side of the Capitol Visitor Center.

3.0 **SENATE HALLWAYS**—Any conditions or circumstances pertaining to hallways not covered by the following regulations must be submitted in writing to and approved by the Rules Committee.

3.1 *Unobstructed Hallways*. All hallways in the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol shall remain unobstructed for security, accessibility, egress, and other purposes. Displays, decorations, furniture, and signage on walls, windows, doors, ceilings, floors, or in hallways outside Senate offices, or facing the Hart Atrium or other exterior spaces, are prohibited unless authorized by the Rules Committee.

3.2 *Official signage*. The Senate Superintendent provides the official signage in the Senate Office Buildings and the Capitol Superintendent provides the official signage in the Senate wing of the Capitol. All signage must be approved by the Rules Committee.

3.3 *Flags*. Senate offices shall only display flags, at the discretion of the highest-ranking official in that office, in the hallway outside of the office's official reception room. Senate support offices may also display flags outside of department offices at the discretion of the highest-ranking official in that office. All displayed flags must meet the following conditions:

3.3.1 All flags displayed shall measure 3' x 5'. Senate offices are responsible for providing all flags authorized for display except the United States flag, which shall be provided by the Senate Superintendent for the Senate Office Buildings and the Capitol Superintendent for the Senate wing of the Capitol.

3.3.2 Flagpoles, flagpole bases, and standard finials shall be provided by the Senate Superintendent for the Senate Office Buildings and the Capitol Superintendent for the Senate wing of the Capitol.

3.3.3 Any flags displayed may not be commercial, promotional, profit-making, or fund-raising in nature, or those affiliated with political activities, including political campaigns, political parties, or political action committees.

3.3.4 For member, committee, and leadership offices located in the Senate Office Buildings, a maximum of four flags may be displayed: the United States flag and up to three additional flags.

3.3.5 For committee and leadership offices located in the Senate wing of the Capitol, a maximum of two flags may be displayed: the United States flag and up to one additional flag.

3.3.6 For Senate support offices located in the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, a maximum of two flags may be displayed: the United States flag and either the official Senate flag or the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

3.3.7 For external support offices located in the Senate Office Buildings, only federal government liaison offices may display the following flags: the United States flag, a flag for each federal entity assigned to the office, and the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

3.3.8 For external support offices located in the Senate wing of the Capitol, only federal government liaison offices may display a maximum of two flags: the United States flag, and either the flag for a federal entity assigned to the office or the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

4.0 **SENATE BALCONIES**—Any conditions or circumstances pertaining to balconies not covered by the following regulations must be submitted in writing to and approved by the Rules Committee.

4.1 *Event space balconies*. Any balcony attached to an event space is reserved as a part of the event space and is eligible for use during an event approved by the Rules Committee.

4.2 *Office balconies*. The Rules Committee determines the assignment of balconies, or sections of balconies, to member, committee, leadership, Senate support, or external support offices.

4.3 *Balconies use requests*. Requests to use a balcony assigned to a member, committee, leadership, Senate support, or external support office shall be made to the highest-ranking official to whom the balcony is assigned.

4.4 *Russell Rotunda balconies*. Balconies located near and around the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building may be used under the following conditions: