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# NOT VOTING—5

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Sanders

The nomination was confirmed.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHMITT). 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. THUNE. 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

### AUTHORIZING THE EN BLOC CONSIDERATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider the en bloc nominations listed in S. Res. 377.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jessica Kramer, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Dario Gil, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brandon Williams, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Leslie Beyer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brian Morrissey, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury the nomination of Andrea Travnick, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Justin Overbaugh, of Florida, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Scott Pappano,

of Pennsylvania, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Cadenazzi, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sean O'Keefe, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Obadal, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Katherine Sutton, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of William L. Doffermeyer, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Matthew Napoli, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Daniel Aronowitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Michael Dodd, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense (New Position).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of William Gillis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jules Hurst III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brent Ingraham, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Peter Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jeffrey Bartos, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jennifer Locetta, of Florida, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Bryan Switzer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Textiles, Investment, Services, and Intellectual Property), with the rank of Ambassador.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Callista Gingrich, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kimberly Guilfoyle, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Christine Toretta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Sweden.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Argentine Republic.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. 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, and the provisions of S. Res. 377 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos. 89, 105, 107, 121, 122, 123, 124, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 139, 141, 142, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 161, 177, 180, 185, 251, 276, 277, 278, 279, 283, 285, 289, 290, 297, 298, 303, 305, 324, 344, 346, 352, 356, 362, 365, 149, 286, 302, 350, en bloc.

John Thune, Bernie Moreno, John Kennedy, Roger Marshall, Pete Ricketts, Mike Crapo, Bill Cassidy, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Banks, Roger F.

Wicker, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn, Tim Sheehy, Kevin Cramer, Eric Schmitt, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

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

#### WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch, on the occasion of his official visit to the United States. His All-Holiness is a respected spiritual leader whose presence is deeply meaningful to many people across our great Nation. His visit coincides with his acceptance of the distinguished Templeton Prize, a testament to his lifelong dedication to advancing spirituality and humanity.

During his visit, he is scheduled to meet with administration officials, Members of Congress, distinguished leaders, and representatives from various faith communities. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to discuss ways to promote our shared values of faith, peace, and understanding. I hope these meetings will prove to be productive and insightful for all involved.

#### WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I want to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, DC. Since 1991, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has served as the 270th spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity, the world's second largest Christian denomination with 300 million Orthodox Christians living across the globe, including many in Rhode Island. He is an accomplished scholar, a devoted environmentalist, advocate for peace, and a leader who commands great respect around the world.

Over the past three decades, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has used his position to establish himself as a leading voice on many important issues and is recognized as a powerful force for good within the Orthodox Christian faith and beyond. As part of his efforts to advance cooperation and understanding between Christians,

Muslims, and Jews, he has cosponsored international peace conferences and advocated for peace-building efforts in order to promote mutual respect and religious tolerance on a global scale. Sometimes known as the "Green Patriarch," he has also championed environmental protection efforts, including by organizing international, interfaith summits to address climate change and call attention to pressing environmental concerns.

Once again, I join with Rhode Island's vibrant and important Greek community to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to our Nation's Capital. As the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch he has cemented himself as an influential leader who is highly respected within Orthodox Christian communities and beyond.

#### WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to extend a warm welcome to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian Church. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will travel to Washington this week to receive the prestigious Templeton Prize, recognizing exceptional contributions to the fields of science and religion. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is widely known as the "Green Patriarch" for his longstanding commitment to protecting the environment. He has organized several international, interfaith summits to address some of the world's most pressing environmental problems. In his own wise words, "We must respond in an opportune manner to protect life on earth from the worst consequences of human recklessness. May God grant us the wisdom to act promptly." Thank you to His All-Holiness for emphatically voicing moral urgency on the climate crisis.

I would also like to honor the many contributions of Orthodox Christians to America, with a special recognition to the parishioners of the Church of the Annunciation in Cranston, RI. Last week this parish, with Father Andrew George, Father Nicholas Lanzourakis, Charlie Samaras, Denise Panichas, and other proud parishioners, celebrated a touchstone of Rhode Island summers, the Church's 39th annual Cranston Greek Festival. Thank you for all that you have done for the Cranston community and the State of Rhode Island.

#### WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I rise to join my constituents in New Hampshire, including those at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Manchester and the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Portsmouth, in welcoming His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on the occasion of his visit to the United States from September 15 to 17, 2025.

On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, I recognize His All-Holiness' efforts to strengthen humanity's relationship with nature through an approach that combines science and spirituality, for which he has been awarded the 2025 Templeton Prize.

His All-Holiness inspires millions of Orthodox Christians around the world as well those beyond the Orthodox Catholic Church. Through his engagement with Catholics, Lutherans, Baptists, Muslims, and Jews, he has built bridges in advancement of a more peaceful and interconnected world.

I am personally grateful for his continued prayers on behalf of the people of Ukraine, which provide hope and strength to the Ukrainian people as they defend their nation. His support for Ukraine provides a light in the dark to Ukraine's many faithful Orthodox Christians amidst one of the most trying periods in Ukrainian history.

As the 270th successor to the Apostle Andrew, His All-Holiness has been a voice for those without a voice and a champion of peace, love, and salvation. Deeply connected to the Sacred Theological School of Halki through his studies and teachings, he continues to provide guidance to the faithful.

On a per capita basis, New Hampshire is proud to host the largest Greek diaspora in the United States. On behalf of the Granite State, I wish him well on his visit to the United States and look forward to continued engagement between His All-Holiness and the people of the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO RABBI DR. ARI BERMAN

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, today I share my gratitude with Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, president of Yeshiva University, for his prayer for the Senate and for our country.

Faith and education together have been powerful forces for good in America. That truth is reflected in the mission of Yeshiva University, which joins knowledge with character by preparing young men and women to lead with integrity, serve with compassion, and strengthen their communities.

At a time of rising anti-Semitism on college campuses after the October 7 attack on Israel, Rabbi Berman founded a coalition of more than 100 university presidents—leaders united against terrorism and hate.

For more than a century, Yeshiva has shown that true education does more than expand the mind. It shapes character, builds responsibility, and equips the next generation to meet the challenges of their time.

I also want to give special recognition to my friend Anita Zucker for her dedication as a trustee of Yeshiva University, for her service to South Carolina, and for her commitment to education that strengthens our country.

May Rabbi Berman's words in the Senate Chamber, and Yeshiva's mission every day, continue to inspire faith,

courage, and hope for the future of America.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ACTION

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th anniversary of Community Partners in Action, one of Connecticut's foremost criminal justice organizations, and the invaluable work of its staff.

Community Partners in Action was originally founded as the Prisoners' Friends' Society in Hartford, CT, in 1875, making Connecticut the fifth State to have an organization specifically dedicated to providing services for incarcerated individuals. Since then, CPA has become a leader in promoting accountability, dignity, and rehabilitation for individuals affected by the criminal justice system.

CPA combines direct services, community action, and restorative justice advocacy to create holistic, sustainable solutions for incarcerated individuals and their communities. The direct assistance they provide is essential to countless individuals' ability to obtain a brighter future. These services include transitional housing, reentry and resettlement support, workforce development and coaching, and partnerships with mental health and addiction services. In addition, CPA has built and led coalitions of relevant nonprofits, city departments, State agencies, and other stakeholders to create integrated networks and programming for the individuals they serve.

Community Partners in Action has truly set a gold standard for innovative leadership in reformative justice. The solutions they provide are both meaningful and authentic, meeting individuals where they are and tailoring programming to their specific needs. To this day, CPA continues to launch novel and effective projects, such as opening Greater Hartford and Waterbury Reentry Welcome Centers in 2018 and 2021, respectively, and opening additional residential locations for their REGIONS program in 2020.

Community Partners in Action has a remarkable history of creating opportunities, inspiring change, and making a difference in Connecticut and beyond. The organization has become an invaluable resource throughout Connecticut. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the crucial work that Community Partners in Action and its many staff perform and celebrating their 150th anniversary.●

#### REMEMBERING DANNY LYNN RENSHAW

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, on August 16, 2025, at 11:01 p.m., Danny Lynn Renshaw, of Bowling Green, KY, and

formerly of Madisonville, KY, passed away peacefully after a brave battle with lung cancer. The story he leaves behind is one of faith, love, perseverance, and generosity—an enduring legacy that will never be forgotten.

I met Danny when he reached out to offer support for my first run for the U.S. Senate in 2010. As the owner of the Renshaw Automotive Group, Danny loaned us a tour bus custom-wrapped with my campaign logo. I traveled the State with my family, meeting people in every county. It was a family affair for the Renshaws as well, with Danny's son-in-law Shawn Parker driving the bus and his son Ryan, daughter Deborah, and grandson Jagger joining us at campaign stops. My wife, our sons, and I had a great time with the Renshaw family as we traveled Kentucky together.

Danny was born December 9, 1946, in Nortonville, KY, the son of Ernest and Ethel Renshaw. From his earliest days, grit and determination defined his character. Those qualities carried him through his service to his country in the U.S. Army, where he rose to the rank of sergeant, trained as a paratrooper, and became an expert marksman while serving during the Vietnam war. He came home with the same strength and discipline he showed in uniform, ready to build a life of purpose.

The greatest chapter of Danny's life began when he married the love of his life, Victoria Ann "Vickie" Renshaw. While Danny had returned home from Vietnam uninjured, he soon lost his leg in a tragic coal mining accident early in their marriage. Despite being a young father with a life-changing injury, Danny showed the strength and positive mindset that defined the trajectory of his life. He began selling cars to support his young family, a humble start to an extraordinary business achievement that can only happen in America.

With hard work, determination, and vision, Danny and Vickie built a company that included eight dealerships across Kentucky, known as the Renshaw Automotive Group. Danny's career in the automotive industry spanned more than five decades, during which he became a respected leader and mentor. His influence reached far beyond his own dealerships; he served as Kentucky's NADA Director, chaired the Kentucky Automobile Dealers Association, sat on the NADA Board of Directors, and in 1999 was named Kentucky's TIME Dealer of the Year. For countless men and women in the industry, Danny was more than a businessman; he was a teacher, encourager, and exemplified what a leader should be.

Danny and Vickie's love story spanned more than 50 years, and together, they raised three children: Tommy, Ryan, and Deborah. They built a home filled with laughter, love, and faith. For Danny, family was everything; he cherished every moment as a husband, father, and eventually