

Executive Order 14323 (90 Fed. Reg. 37739) is terminated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 370.

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 D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 370, Joshua D. Dunlap, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

John Thune, Bernie Moreno, Katie Boyd Britt, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, Pete Ricketts, Markwayne Mullin, Tim Sheehy, Jon A. Husted, Eric Schmitt, Jim Justice, James E. Risch, Tom Cotton, Steve Daines, Ted Budd, John R. Curtis, John Boozman.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

REMEMBERING VERGENE DONOVAN

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today, I pay tribute to a tireless civic leader from northwest Iowa who led a remarkable life of service for more than a century, richly steeped in family, faith, and citizenship.

On this very day, my friend Vergene Donovan will be laid to final rest, joining her parents Harry and Minnie Bleeker, her husband Ed, both siblings, and her eldest son who preceded her in life everlasting.

Vergene Edna Bleeker was born on March 4, 1924, on her parents' farm near Spencer, IA. For the next 101 years,

this outstanding Iowan pursued life with vim and vigor to make her community and our country a better place. Her birth during a late winter blizzard forecasted a gritty resilience that shaped her decades-long devotion to community service and tenacity to overcome adversity. The loss of her father during childhood shaped her tireless work ethic that she put to extraordinary use on the campaign trail for Presidential, congressional, gubernatorial, and local candidates for more than eight decades.

She met Edward Donovan, the love of her life, while working at a defense plant in California during World War II. It was love at first sight for these two Iowa lovebirds from Spencer and Spirit Lake. After getting married, they returned home to Iowa and celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2017.

Five months after their wedding day, Ed joined the U.S. Armed Forces and served as a staff sergeant 8th Air Force—European Theater of Operations. He loaded eight missions on D-day. After the war, the Donovans settled down in Spirit Lake and raised a loving family rooted in their Lutheran faith. As an empty nester, Vergene's work ethic and special talents jumped into warp speed. She immersed herself into civic life, getting involved in numerous local boards and committees in Iowa's Great Lakes, from the arts to healthcare and politics. She was a charter member of the Lakes Art Center and served on the Okoboji Summer Theatre, Voluntary Action Center, Spirit Lake Centennial, Homestead Retirement, St. Luke's Lutheran Home, the local and State boards of the American Cancer Society, the Lakes Regional Hospital auxiliary board, Lutheran Women's Mission League, and White House Conference on Families, to name a few.

Vergene blazed a bright trail in grassroots politics and served in various leadership roles at the county and district levels. Serving as district and State board member of the Iowa Federation of Republican Women, Vergene edited its newsletter *The Iowa Indicator*. She donated these and other personal papers to the University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa Women's Archives.

By the grace of God, I crossed paths with Vergene in 1980, during my first campaign for the U.S. Senate. From that day forward, she was a loyal and indefatigable grassroots leader who became a trusted friend to Barbara and me. She served as my county chair in each of my eight campaigns for U.S. Senate.

While her political resume speaks volumes, her humility and generosity defined her approach to servant leadership. Over the course of countless campaigns, she met nine U.S. Presidents, including Eisenhower, Carter, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush, and Trump and befriended three Iowa Governors: Bob Ray, Terry Branstad, and Kim Reynolds.

Vergene received numerous awards for her life of service, including the State and national Outstanding American Cancer Society Award, 1985 and 1986; Outstanding National Volunteer Award, 1986; Harold Morgan Award, 1985; John McDonald Outstanding Republican in Iowa Award, 1995; honorary colonel in the Iowa Militia; and Republican Service Award in Dickinson County, 2002.

Vergene also was listed in *Who's Who in American Politics*, 18th Edition. That is an understatement. Candidates wanting to win election in northwest Iowa quickly figured out their campaign needed to have Vergene on speed dial if they wanted a successful turnout for events and votes in her neck of the woods.

Although her passion for politics contributed to her vitality and broadened her horizons across northwest Iowa, as well as the State and national political stage, Vergene's love for family, friends, and the Lord are her true legacy. From her treasured classmates of the Spencer High School Class of 1941 to her cherished book and bridge club members, Vergene's charismatic friendship and generosity will be deeply missed.

Each time I was in Vergene's company, she would greet me with a glowing grin and a big hug. We enjoyed many evenings together on the lakes of Dickinson County. Barbara and I are grateful for our decades of friendship with Vergene and Ed and send our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones, including her surviving children Jim, DeEtte, and Scott and her beloved 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

May her memory be a blessing. I have no doubt the members of her family tree will carry forward the seeds of civic stewardship planted by their matriarch and embrace Vergene's devotion to her faith.

To my dear friend, may you rest in peace in the Eternal grace of our Lord and Savior.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES GOSSERT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to James for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

James is from Shillington, PA. James is currently enrolled at Susquehanna University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank James for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all

of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK PAPÉ

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Patrick for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Patrick is from Jackson, WY. Patrick is currently enrolled at George Washington University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in international business. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Patrick for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO EDWIN PHILIP

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Edwin for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Edwin is from Lewisville, TX. Edwin is currently enrolled at the University of Texas at Dallas, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and a minor in public health. After graduation, Edwin plans on attending medical school. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Edwin for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS WALTERS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Thomas for his hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Thomas is from Casper, WY. Thomas is currently enrolled at Casper College, where he is pursuing an associate's degree in business administration. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Thomas for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

RECOGNIZING THE INTERNET ARCHIVE'S ONE-TRILLIONTH WEB PAGE

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate an extraordinary milestone in the democratization of public information, as the Internet Archive marks their one-trillionth web page archived.

Founded by digital librarian and MIT alumnus Brewster Kahle, the Internet Archive first launched in San Francisco in 1996 with the goal of providing "Universal Access to All Knowledge" by creating a "shared digital library of humanity's online history." In 2001, they launched the "Wayback Machine," making their archives easily accessible to the public.

Coordinating with governments, nonprofits, institutions, and individuals to grow their digital collection, for nearly three decades, the Internet Archive has worked to preserve everything from academic research to personal blogs, local news stories to international breaking news, and troves of official government records—including the archival of websites from every Presidential administration since 2008. Information from its archives has even been cited by every Circuit Court in the United States and the Supreme Court.

Working to prevent and repair broken web links, the Internet Archive has become a modern-day, digital Library of Alexandria and given billions of people the tools that once only professional archivists had at their disposal.

On a personal note, earlier this year, it was my honor to help designate the Internet Archive as a Federal depository library, allowing the Internet Archive to digitize and expand public access to Federal Government publications for years to come.

For their outstanding commitment to the public good and tireless preservation of public information, today we celebrate San Francisco's own Internet Archive. Here is to the next trillion.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN EVANS

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO, Congressman MIKE SIMPSON, and Congressman RUSS FULCHER to honor Mayor John Evans, a remarkable leader whose dedication and vision have profoundly shaped the Garden City community. After 20 years of service, Mayor Evans is retiring and marking the end of an important era for this city.

Mayor Evans, a Vietnam war veteran and lifelong public servant, has been a steadfast presence in Garden City since 1989. First elected mayor in November 2005, he previously served on the city council for a decade and 3 years on the Garden City Planning & Zoning Commission. Under his strong leadership, Mayor Evans has guided the city through significant growth and business development. Since the start of his 30-year tenure, Garden City's population has nearly doubled from over 6,000 residents in 1990 to 13,000.

Throughout his time in office, Mayor Evans has fostered a vibrant and safe community. He oversaw the construction of essential infrastructure, including the Garden City West and White-water Park bridges, and enhanced pedestrian accessibility and neighborhood connectivity.

As he prepares to pass the torch, Mayor Evans leaves behind a legacy of service, collaboration, and community spirit that will continue to inspire. His dedication has truly transformed Garden City for the better and positioned it for a bright future.

On behalf of the residents of Garden City and all who have benefited from his efforts, we extend our sincere gratitude to Mayor John Evans for his extraordinary service. We wish him all the best in his retirement, knowing that his impact on the community will be felt for years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ALL HANDS VENDING

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho's veterans risked everything for our freedoms, and we owe them our immense gratitude. Many who returned from service continue to be mission-driven, highly skilled, dedicated to success, and have opened small businesses vital to the Gem State. This month, I am proud to recognize the veteran-owned small businesses that make Idaho's communities and economy thrive. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor All Hands Vending in Rexburg as one of Idaho's Small Businesses of the Month for November 2025.

Dan and Theresa Willis, both Navy veterans, founded All Hands Vending in January 2020 with the mission of helping companies enhance employee retention and workplace environments through breakroom services. After his own experience with low company morale, Dan knew he wanted to make a difference in company culture. All Hands Vending strives not only to serve food and drinks to businesses, but also to positively impact a central factor in a business's bottom line: employee morale.

To this end, All Hands Vending developed AI Markets, which are state-of-the-art micro-markets that serve as an alternative to traditional vending machines, providing companies with greater control over their breakrooms