

the bogus investigations President Trump has ordered into his political enemies, this whole situation arose from President Trump's own efforts to overturn a free and fair Presidential election. During the Department of Justice's investigation into this crime, the Special Counsel petitioned the court for a subpoena for those records, and the court approved it.

Mr. President, you know that is the law. That is the process. You go and get a subpoena. You have to go before a court. You have to present evidence, and the court looks at that evidence and then makes a decision. And the court approved it.

It is completely legal because it was relevant to their investigation of the President's attempt to overturn election results and to stay in power illegally. We can't forget that. We can't whitewash that. We cannot let attempts to spin this into some sort of partisan targeting against certain individuals.

First off, it sets a very dangerous precedent that could chill any effort to conduct legitimate investigations of criminal wrongdoing by Members of this body or anywhere else down the line. We surely should not put the American people in the position of being, basically, a slush fund for a few individuals interested in making a whole lot of money and having the taxpayers foot the bill.

I want to give my colleagues the benefit of the doubt about how this provision was put into the bill. Today, they had a chance to do the right thing. They had a chance to repeal it and say: Yes, this is bad. That is the way we ensure that no Senator gets special treatment, and we can get back to doing the work to better serve our constituents.

So I hope we can fix this wrong. Our friends across the Capitol here, in the House, voted unanimously—every Republican and every Member of the Democratic caucus. We came together.

Do you want to see bipartisanship in Washington? Everybody says: Gosh, I wish this body could come together in a bipartisan way.

We saw it in the House today. They said that this provision is terrible. They said it was outrageous, and they said it was a cash grab—and they did it unanimously. We could have done it unanimously here today. We could have fixed this.

Again, I don't know how it got in there. I am sure there was nothing nefarious. I am not saying there was anything nefarious. But it got in there. It clearly is wrong. Anybody who looks at the face of it knows it is wrong. That is why the House voted unanimously, and that is why I hope at some point we can do the right thing and fix this.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, I yield the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I would simply respond by saying again, in clarifying this question of personal en-

richment, I am not sure exactly what that is predicated on. Clearly, the attempt being made here was to give standing to Members whose personal, private information was collected by a prosecutor who went around the law.

The law requires notification when a U.S. Senator's personal information is acquired. What happened was that the prosecutor threatened legal action if the carriers that were collecting this data on individual Senators provided the notice that was required under the law. The prosecutor clearly went around the law.

I just believe, for the future protection not only of this institution but of individual U.S. Senators, it is going to be critical that we codify some of these protections in ways that aren't currently covered in the law.

As I said before, if there is some question about the monetary judgment that might come or of the damages that might be awarded, this is what we are attempting to clarify right now, and that is that no individual Member—and frankly, that is already true under our rules, but this would further clarify that.

But if the Senator from New Mexico is interested in amending or modifying this in some fashion that preserves or retains the protections on an individual Member's data—which, frankly, again, as I said before, I think is a really important protection not just for this U.S. Senate but for U.S. Senators in the future—I think there is a willingness to be able to address that.

But I think, again, the suggestion that this is a bunch of U.S. Senators who are trying to figure out a way to enrich themselves at taxpayers' expense just is completely, completely unfounded and is inconsistent with the facts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 472.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of David A. Bragdon, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

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 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. 472, David A. Bragdon, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Jon A. Husted, John R. Curtis, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, John Cornyn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Markwayne Mullin, Kevin Cramer, Pete Ricketts, Katie Boyd Britt, Tim Sheehy, Jim Banks.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 473.

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 legislative clerk read the nomination of Lindsey Ann Freeman, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

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 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. 473, Lindsey Ann Freeman, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John Thune, John Barrasso, Jon A. Husted, John R. Curtis, Tom Cotton, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, Chuck Grassley, James Lankford, John Cornyn, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Markwayne Mullin, Kevin Cramer, Pete Ricketts, Katie Boyd Britt, Tim Sheehy, Jim Banks.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar No. 296, with the exception of Col. George H. Sebren, Jr., Calendar No. 448, Calendar No. 491, Calendar No. 519, Calendar No. 542 through Calendar No. 549, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk with the exception of PN89; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Henry R. Jeffress, III

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Richard A. Correll

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. David W. May

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. William J. Creeden

IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael P. Flaherty

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Christopher B. Creaghe

Col. Jeremy D. Johnson

Col. Caroline R. Pogge

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the

grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Jonathan W. Bennett

Col. Susan M. Gannon

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Ryan J. Nielsen

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Richard W. Corner, II

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Stephanie Q. Howard

Brig. Gen. Jennifer A. Marrasthost

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Benjamin G. Reynolds

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN448 AIR FORCE nominations (70) beginning DARICK J. BECKMAN, and ending APRIL L. WOODY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2025.

PN627 AIR FORCE nomination of Kristen D. Shadden, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN628 AIR FORCE nomination of Ana I.L. Jacinto, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN629 AIR FORCE nomination of Joshua N. Payne, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

IN THE ARMY

PN630 ARMY nomination of Elmo M. Clonch, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN631 ARMY nomination of Robert J. Miller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN632 ARMY nomination of Eric J. O'Connor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN633 ARMY nomination of Brandon S. Wood, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN634 ARMY nominations (3) beginning MATTHEW L. ALTENBERG, and ending KYLE R. WEINERTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN635 ARMY nominations (2) beginning GREGORY L. DAVIS, and ending MATTHEW D. SHARP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN636 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DUSTIN J. DREWRY, and ending DAVID E. RAMIREZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN637 ARMY nomination of Bolivar G. Molina, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN638 ARMY nominations (56) beginning BENJAMIN A. ACCINELLI, and ending 0002572958, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN639 ARMY nominations (6) beginning GARY L. BARR, and ending HARRY R. WILLE, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN640 ARMY nominations (2) beginning VINCENTANTHONY S. GUERRERO, and ending ANTHONY T. SEVIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN641 MARINE CORPS nomination of Stephanie N. Sokol, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

PN642 MARINE CORPS nominations (796) beginning LUCAS H. AARON, and ending MARC L. ZIMKIEWICZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

IN THE NAVY

PN643 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JEFFREY M. TESSIER, and ending DIANE M. ROGERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN644 SPACE FORCE nominations (2) beginning DOMINIQUE S. KEYS, and ending PATRICK R. MEISSNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The Senator from Rhode Island.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I am here for my, oh, I guess umpteenth "Time to Wake Up" speech.

This one comes upon my return from Brazil, where I was the entirety of the United States of America governmental presence at the COP. That was it. Just me. Nobody else went. And not only did nobody else go—this is not important to anybody really outside the Senate—but for my codel, my congressional delegation trip of one, the State Department, under President Trump, refused to facilitate my trip.

I think this is the first time where the Senate, the legislative body, has been told by the Executive branch: We are not going to facilitate a codel because we don't like what you are doing. I don't think that has ever happened before, and whatever your views are on whatever issue, I would caution that this is a gate we need to close shut because if the Executive branch of government can start telling the Members of the Senate what codels they can and