

President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. Res. 520

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send an executive resolution to the desk for consideration of certain nominations en bloc and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the title of the resolution for the information of the Senate.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 520) authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

Mr. THUNE. In order to place the executive resolution on the calendar, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the executive resolution will lie over 1 calendar day.

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. 474.

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 Matthew E. Orso, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western 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 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. 474, Matthew E. Orso, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western 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. 475.

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 Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western 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 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. 475, Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western 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

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.

DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS UNDER RULE XLIV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. President, the information required by rule XLIV of the

Standing Rules of the Senate related to congressionally directed spending items is included in the committee reports (Senate Reports 119-44, 119-46, 119-47, and 119-55) that are referenced in Senate amendment No. 3951 to H.R. 4016. I hereby incorporate that information into this disclosure by reference.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 623, H.J. Res. 130, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment."

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I am thrilled to recognize the centennial of Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The American Friends of Hebrew University, AFHU, is helping to celebrate 100 years of accomplishment and toast the next generation of visionaries who will carry forward this tradition to the next century and beyond.

Hebrew University is home to over 23,000 students and 1,400 researchers across six campuses. Faculty and alumni have received 9 Nobel Prizes and registered more than 11,000 patents. Its impact has shaped not just Israel but the whole world, including in Virginia through the Mid-Atlantic Branch of AFHU. Benefactors of HU and this celebration include so many whose legacy can be seen across Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region: the family and descendants of Charles E. Smith, the Theodore and Annette Lerner Family Foundation, Sheryl and Bradley Schwartz, Susie and Michael Gelman, and many more.

I would be especially remiss not to recognize my friends Bill and Bobbie Kilberg. Bill is president of the mid-Atlantic region of the AFHU and a member of the board of governors, among many other stops in his legal and business career. Bobbie is president and CEO emerita of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, an entity that has done so much to shape the Virginia economy of today.

As I reflect on the interweaving strands of academic excellence embodied by Hebrew University and the economic and technological innovation for which Israel is renowned, I see a story that has played out in Virginia and elsewhere. Virginia's technology economy has blossomed in just a few short decades, largely due to its first-rate higher education sector, careful attention to cultivating a strong workforce, and the efforts of organizations like NVTC and people like Bill and Bobbie to cultivate those resources.

Today, it is home to innovative companies, large and small, and exports its goods and services to the world through an international airport and international seaport. We are economically stronger when we invest in our people. Our people are stronger when we invest in education and workforce.

The change that Hebrew University has seen over the past century is profound, in some ways miraculous. Your steadfast support has produced this positive change, and that change continues today. You have my fondest wishes for the celebration of the century, and I look forward to what the next century will bring.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANNA KO

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to LTC Anna Ko for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow. Lieutenant Colonel Ko currently serves in the Army Congressional Budget Liaison Office.

Lieutenant Colonel Ko was born in the Republic of Korea and moved to New York City when she was 9 years old. In 2007, she attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army's Logistics Branch. She earned a bachelor's degree in TV production from the City-University of Brooklyn and a master's degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Ko has served in a broad range of assignments during her 18 years as an Army officer, including company executive officer; battalion and brigade operations officer; company commander; and an aide-de-camp to a deputy commanding officer. She has served in multiple countries, including the Republic of Korea; Afghanistan; and Poland, in support of Atlantic Resolve. Prior to her selection to the Army Congressional Fellowship, she served with the 1st Infantry Division as the division supply and services officer, battalion executive officer, and support operations officer for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team.

This past year, I had the privilege of working directly with Anna in her role as an Army liaison, and she escorted me on multiple congressional delegations, including to Turkey, Lebanon, and Israel. Her professionalism, performance, and commitment to the mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression on both Members of the U.S. Congress and their staff. Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Ko has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors alike.

Working with Lieutenant Colonel Ko during the 119th Congress has been a genuine pleasure. Our country has benefited from her extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion for the Army profession. On behalf of the State of South Carolina, the U.S. Sen-

ate, and a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending LTC Anna Ko on her service to our Nation. We wish Anna all the best as she continues her journey in the Army.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS MIOTLA

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, and Representative RUSS FULCHER, we congratulate Dennis Miotla, who is retiring from his position as Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Infrastructure Programs for the U.S. Department of Energy's, DOE, Office of Nuclear Energy, after 35 years of service.

Throughout his extensive career in nuclear energy, Dennis Miotla has served in a number of leadership positions as he has contributed significantly to guiding nuclear operations. Prior to his current position, Mr. Miotla was the Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy. He previously served as the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy. Mr. Miotla also served as the Deputy Director for Nuclear Facility Operations, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Operations, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Power Deployment. Additionally, he was the interim manager of the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office where he had full responsibility for DOE operations at Idaho National Laboratory, INL.

Dennis has also worked for the National Nuclear Security Administration and at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in West Mifflin, PA. As Dennis said about himself, "About 50 years working in various positions in nuclear energy. I think I have pretty much seen it all and done it all."

His extensive and remarkable work in the field of nuclear energy has understandably been recognized. He is a two-time recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for his outstanding performance in the advancement of nuclear energy programs.

Dennis is generous with his time as he cares deeply about the legacy of Federal service and is invested in those who choose that path. He is known at DOE, the Lab, and the nuclear industry for his leadership, mentorship, and sarcastic humor. He has taught many the importance and intricacies of the Lab's research, and his patience and guidance are deeply appreciated by many who have worked with him.

Dennis' years of service and dedication to nuclear energy and INL have helped support the current fleet of reactors and will help ensure continued research into advanced nuclear reactors, facilitating their commercialization and deployment in the private sector. His contributions are significant. Thank you, Dennis, for lending your knowledge, know-how, direction, and

vast experience so extensively to advancing nuclear energy and shaping future leaders in this important field. We wish you all the best on your well-earned retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SISTER KATHLEEN ATKINSON

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, these weeks between Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are a time of reflecting, giving thanks, and expressing gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Today, I would like to recognize and honor a remarkable woman from Bismarck, ND, who has been a profound blessing to my community and beyond.

I have known Sister Kathleen Atkinson, a member of the Order of Saint Benedict at Annunciation Monastery in Bismarck, for many years. In 2004 we cochaired the establishment of a Center for Christian Ministry at the University of Mary, which fostered leadership and service between students and the community.

In 2010, Sister Kathleen began leading Bible studies at the North Dakota State Penitentiary. She called the inmates her "men in the Pen," meeting them one-on-one behind the prison doors. Despite any fears she had, she believed in the importance of bringing God's love to the incarcerated and persevered with her ministry.

One day an inmate shared with her how terrified he was about his upcoming prison release. He had no ride, no job, no money, and no place to stay. Despite her own apprehension about taking responsibility for a prisoner she barely knew, Sister Kathleen agreed to pick him up on the day of his release. That was the beginning of her commitment to a prison re-entry program known as Ministry on the Margins, which she founded in 2013. Originally sponsored by the Annunciation Sisters, it later became an independent organization. She has served as its executive director ever since. The ministry has expanded to include a food pantry, street outreach, a nighttime low-barrier coffee house, and other programs serving the most vulnerable among us. What began with one volunteer has now expanded to 15 employees and countless volunteers serving some 1,600 people weekly.

I have watched with admiration her servant leadership in action over these many years. She has grown this ministry by recruiting volunteers regardless of religious denomination or comfort level serving others. Despite her short stature, she is powerful and fearless in her dedication. When she speaks, even the toughest audience listens. She asks for prayers, encourages selfless service, tirelessly fundraises, and testifies on legislation, policies, and solutions. Her success with Ministry on the Margins has inspired others to establish similar programs for