

of Hormuz open, which was open before he started this war.

This would be funny if it wasn't so tragic, if it wasn't costing so many lives, if it wasn't costing so much of our taxpayers moneys, and if so many Americans weren't hurting as a result of it. Come on, now.

How could we be complicit in this unjust war that has no clear objectives and that nobody could articulate a strategy to achieve any objective or get us out, conducted by a President who has lost all authority as our Commander in Chief because of his blunder and mistake and lack of strategy and lack of forethought?

And the very body that was put in place to provide checks and balances, to provide oversight, to hold on jealously, as our Founders said, to the powers assigned to this body, we are doing nothing but surrendering.

And I am not going to surrender on this. I am not going to let this be normalized. This is wrong, what we are doing. This is wrong in every way you look at it. It is a folly. It is a disaster. It is a failure.

And all we need is the majority of this body to say enough, that we are going to hold hearings, that we are going to do investigations, that we are going to bring the leadership of the executive branch here to sit before the American public and explain these months—this 6 months of this war—what it has truly cost us, what we have lost, and how we are going to exit. It just makes sense, but I am seeing none of that.

I am going to yield the floor, but I am going to, again, ask this body to do its job, to create a democracy people can rely on, to end the suffering of the American people, to stop this heinous cost of a war with no strategy, no clear objectives, no reason, that is unconstitutional.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GERARD KLOMP, OF UTAH, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE JAMES O'NEILL, RESIGNED.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MARIA D'AVANZO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, VICE CAROL FORTINE OCHOA, RESIGNED.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

DAVID SLADE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2029, VICE JUDITH DELZOPPO PRYOR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIMOTHY WESTLAKE, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE,

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE MIRIAM E. DELPHIN-RITTMON, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

GREGORY CARL COOK, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, VICE R. DAVID PROCTOR, RETIRED.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

JOHN PETER CRONAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2029, VICE JOHN GLEESON, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

ROBERT R. FLECK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE MARGARET BARTLEY, RETIRED.

DAVID M. JONES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE A NEW POSITION CREATED BY PUBLIC LAW 118-196, APPROVED DECEMBER 23, 2024.

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JASON MANION, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2029, VICE CLARIA HORN BOOM, TERM EXPIRED.

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DANIEL F. RENDLEMAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE WILLIAM S. GREENBERG, DECEASED.

ANNA ST. JOHN, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, VICE KURT D. ENGELHARDT, RETIRING.

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BENJAMIN AMOS ROCKWELL, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR

FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

JONATHAN W. LODEN, OF TENNESSEE
NOAH D. ROSS, OF VIRGINIA

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 14, 2026:

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(D):

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) MICHAEL E. CAMPBELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 2121(E):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MATTHEW T. BROWN
CAPT. JONATHAN A. CARTER
CAPT. ROBERT C. COMPTON
CAPT. DOROTHY J. HERNAEZ
CAPT. CHRISTOPHER J. HULSER
CAPT. TORRENCE B. WILSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(D):

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) RUSSELL E. DASH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203(A):

To be rear admiral

JOANNA K. HIIGEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 2121(E):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. JOHN F. BARRESI
CAPT. ROBERT J. BERRY II

CAPT. WILLIE L. CARMICHAEL
CAPT. PATRICK J. DOUGAN
CAPT. BENJAMIN M. GOLIGHTLY
CAPT. JACQUELINE M. LEVERICH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 309(B):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

TABITHA A. SCHIRO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 318:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

DOROTHY J. HERNAEZ

THE JUDICIARY

MATTHEW A. SCHWARTZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 12203(A):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

RONZELLE L. GREEN
TABITHA A. SCHIRO

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on July 14, 2026 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

JUAN RODRIGUEZ, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND Plenipotentiary OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 9, 2026.

KONSTANTINOS LIGRIS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE AMY LEFKOWITZ SOLOMON, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 24, 2026.