

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately execute the order in relation to the Westercamp nomination.

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

Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Kara Marie Westercamp, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

VOTE ON WESTERCAMP NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Westercamp nomination?

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 201 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Armstrong	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Murkowski
Barrasso	Hagerty	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Ricketts
Boozman	Hoeven	Risch
Britt	Husted	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Capito	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young
Fischer	Moran	

NAYS—48

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Reed
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Bennet	Hirono	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Schiff
Booker	Kim	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Collins	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Galleo	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Cramer McConnell

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from Louisiana.

HONORING DREW HANSON

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, Scripture says that "greater love has no one

than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Deputy U.S. Marshal Drew Hanson was a member of the Western District of Louisiana's Fugitive Task Force.

More importantly, he was a husband, a father, and tragically he was shot and killed while arresting a man on sexual battery charges. Deputy Hanson displayed the greatest love; love for his country, love for justice, love for others.

The man who murdered him took his life, yes. But no criminal, no weapon can take a man's honor, courage, or legacy.

Mr. President, I ask for a moment of silence for Drew's family, for his friends, for his community, as we know they are grieving tremendously.

(Moment of silence.)

IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT ACT

Mr. President, when I go back to Louisiana, I meet with people around the State. Some things stand out. I went to a business once, and there was a fellow working. And the gentleman who was taking me around his business said: That guy over there 20 years ago got out of prison, and he has been the greatest employee we have ever had.

There is nothing that is more of an anti-recidivism program than somebody getting a job and keeping a job and learning how to feed their family in an honest way.

The same employer told me that they went to Fort Polk, an Army facility in Louisiana, and recruited the young men and women upon their separation because they just knew how to work with a team. They just knew how to work within a command structure. They had leadership ability, and he really made—his business made a real effort to get those people into a job.

Now, those are happy stories of people getting out of jail, getting out of the service. It could be a trailing spouse who otherwise might have a problem finding a job, but in this man's employment, they got a great job.

Now, in other cases, we hear of veterans having a difficult time being placed. We find that those people coming out of prison have a difficult time. Those people coming off of welfare have a difficult time getting a job.

And if you are coming off of welfare and you have a difficult time getting a job, you are more likely to go back on welfare. If you are the trailing spouse and every 6 months you have moved and then your husband or your wife separates from the military, the trailing spouse has a difficult time because you look at the work record; she or he has been moving every 6 months. It is difficult for that employer to take a leap on someone with that kind of a record.

All of these people can benefit from the Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act, which we call WOTC. WOTC is a bill that makes it easier to get a job if you are someone who, for one reason or another, might have a difficult time doing so.

So we have mentioned the spouse of someone in the military. Again, they had to relocate so often that their work history looks like they can't keep a job. But WOTC would give an employer a Federal tax credit if they hire that military spouse, benefiting the employee, the employer, and rewarding that spouse who sacrificed just as much as the servicemember.

So instead of making service a barrier to employment, WOTC rewards it for providing the military spouse the opportunity to build a stable, rewarding career. And in our country, that is how we should treat those who served our country in the military.

Now, there are others whose circumstances prevent them from getting a good job; the mom who took off to raise children and is now getting back into the workforce; the lower income family coming off of welfare.

WOTC provides an incentive, a little bit of a buffer, a little bit of a credit in terms of whether you hire that person. If there is an extra expense, if there is a little bit more turnover in that group of people whom you hire, the WOTC would—that tax credit, work opportunity tax credit—benefit the company.

Now, I truly believe my observation in life that one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen a person's future, to support their family, and to uplift their community is by taking the skills that you know you have and finding a job in which you can meaningfully use those skills; a job in which you are happy to go to work and you are happy to come home. Yes. You love your vacation, and you love your weekend, but you are proud to have that job.

That is why in the Working Families Tax Cuts bill, if you received SNAP benefits and you are able-bodied and you can work, then you should. But WOTC helps those who have been out of the workforce rejoin the workforce and supports the businesses along the way.

When somebody gets a good job, they get more than an income. They find stability. They become independent. They have self-respect. They have a tool with which to achieve the American dream. And that is why I think we must reauthorize WOTC, which expired last December.

People of my State and across the country support this bill and have contacted my office asking that Congress reinstate it, so that military spouse or the servicemember newly separated from the service, the working mom, the low-income family, the person being separated from jail, all these have the opportunity to work hard, contribute to society, to rejoin society's workforce, and succeed, despite the challenges they might face.

This is good for America. This is good for business. This is good for society.

Now, I wake up every day, and I think: What can I do to make life better for the people of my State and my country?

The Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act creates jobs, expands opportunity, and makes life better for those who might otherwise have to struggle the most to have a better life.

As we approach a new reconciliation bill, work on funding the government, other legislative vehicles, we should consider including WOTC as we extend it not just to those who traditionally have benefited but also to military spouses. Let's get this done for their sake, for our sake.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the postcloture time with respect to the Flowers nomination be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow; further, that the cloture motions filed during Monday's session of the Senate ripen following disposition of the Flowers nomination; that if cloture is invoked on the Martin nomination, the postcloture time be expired at 2 p.m. tomorrow and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; further, that if cloture is invoked on the Pozos nomination, the postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, notwithstanding rule XXII, and no earlier than Thursday, July 23; further, that the cloture motion with respect to the Traynor nomination ripen at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during tomorrow's session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CASSIDY. 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.

TRIBUTE TO RILEY BECKER

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

Riley is a native of Big Sky, MT. She is attending law school at the Charleston School of Law in South Carolina, where she is entering her final year. She has demonstrated a strong work

ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

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

TRIBUTE TO LILY CRAGO

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

Lily is a native of Kaycee, WY. Lily is currently enrolled at the University of Wyoming, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and agricultural communications. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

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

TRIBUTE TO WYATT GRIFFIN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Wyatt 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.

Wyatt is from Pinedale, WY. Wyatt is currently enrolled at Vanderbilt University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics and minoring in 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 Wyatt 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 SAM HUFFARD

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Sam 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.

Sam was born in Washington, DC, and now lives in McLean, VA. Sam is

currently enrolled at Washington and Lee University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in European and American history, global politics, and 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 Sam 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 MACY JONES

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

Macy is a native of Wheatland, WY. Macy is currently enrolled at Montana State University, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business and military science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

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

TRIBUTE TO CHARLEIGH MELLISH

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Charleigh Mellish for her hard work as an intern in my office in Cheyenne, WY. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Charleigh is a native of Cheyenne. She graduated in 2025 from South High School. She is a sophomore at Hastings College, where she plays on the collegiate softball team. After she graduates with majors in philosophy and religion, along with minors in sociology and writing, she hopes to attend law school at the University of Wyoming. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

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